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JON PEREZ

A man stands on a damaged portion of Sugar Dock as he tries his luck with fishing. Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) is pushing for the rehabilitation of Sugar Dock.

## Sugar Dock to be rebuilt

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**T**he Sugar Dock pier in Chalan Kanoa is set to be rebuilt, per the recommendation of a Guam historical architect.

In a stakeholder committee meeting yesterday, Guam historical architect Michael Laguana suggested the project to both House Speaker Rafael Demapan (R-Saipan) and Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan).

The next course of action is, according to Sablan, to rebuild the pier. Discussions with Laguana, according to Sablan, arose at the recommendation of the Historical Preservation Office, which is under

the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

The Japanese-era Sugar Dock pier is no longer considered an active pier but it is a popular beach site, fishing site, and picnic ground for many residents. Its dilapidated structure has given way in many places, prompting safety concerns.

"[Demapan] and I are really concerned about [people's safety in the

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## New police academy has no cadets from Tinian, Rota

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The 23<sup>rd</sup> CNMI Police Academy kicked off on Saipan on Monday with 34 cadets, including two Judiciary court marshals. Notably, there was no cadet from Tinian and Rota.

It is also the first time in CNMI police cycle history that there are court marshals mixed into the academy,

*Saipan Tribune* learned.

Department of Public Safety spokesperson Jacqueline Rae Shepard said the academy will run from April 16 through July 14, with graduation on July 18.

Shepard said there were actually 80 applicants and the 34 were selected from that pool.

She said everyone goes through the same process to become a cadet.

"Any applications we received would still have to meet the qualifications," Shepard said.

She said no applications were received from Tinian or Rota.

"Those police departments will conduct their own academies," said Shepard when asked why Tinian and Rota DPS are not included.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Tin-

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## Police hunt man for assaulting GF

Police are hunting down a 32-year-old man who is wanted for assaulting his girlfriend with a plastic chair and a cassette radio at her house in Chalan Kanoa last Sunday.

Department of Public Safety spokesperson Jacqueline Rae Shepard said yesterday that police are looking for Vincent S. Camacho.

Shepard said that Camacho assaulted his girlfriend using a plastic chair and a cassette radio at her home, and slammed a child to the ground when the child tried to stop Camacho's attack on his girlfriend.

The report did not specify if the

minor is the couple's child and if he/she was hurt.

The report also did not specify if the girlfriend was injured.

Camacho was last seen leaving the scene.

Shepard said Camacho is wanted on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, criminal mischief, disturbing the peace, and interference with a domestic violence report.

She asked anyone who has information on the suspect's whereabouts to call DPS at 664-9001 or the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



Camacho

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## Local

### Mistrial in ex-Navy officer's rape try trial

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A deadlocked jury led to a second mistrial Monday in the case of a former Navy commander charged with the attempted rape of a junior officer in San Diego.

The panel was dismissed after being unable to reach a unanimous decision on three major counts against John M. Neuhart, according to Superior Court spokeswoman Karen Dalton. A previous jury deadlocked last December.

A status conference was set for April 23 to determine how to proceed.

Neuhart, 41, was charged with assaulting a Navy lieutenant in 2016. She worked under his command in a helicopter squadron in Guam.

The Associated Press generally does not name people who say they are victims on sexual assault.

The junior officer testified that Neuhart forced his way into her home and attacked her, only stopping when her screams alerted a neighbor. Neuhart ran out a back door and was caught by police after he fell and broke a leg.

Neuhart was relieved of

his command following his arrest but is still in the Navy. He testified at the first trial but didn't take the stand during the retrial.

Jurors told Judge Laura Halgren on Monday that they were deadlocked 10-2 for guilt on a charge of attempted rape. They split 7-5 for guilt on a charge of assault with intent to commit rape during a burglary and 2-10 for guilt on a charge of resisting or delaying an officer.

During the trial both sides acknowledged that the woman was intoxicated after drinking heavily with Neuhart earlier at a hotel bar. Hotel surveillance video showed her hugging and kissing him. They drove back to her home in a limousine.

Jurors heard video from Neuhart's cellphone in which she screams at him to leave and tells him some 90 times to stop trying to have sex with her.

Neuhart testified that the woman consented to going home and having sex with him. He said he recorded part of their encounter in case the woman later alleged rape.

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## Woodruff OK'd to resume as Dr. Ramsey counsel

A former Commonwealth Health Center physician's request to let Stephen C. Woodruff resume as his counsel in a wrongful termination lawsuit against the hospital had been granted.

In her order on Wednesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood said that Woodruff must file an entry of appearance to confirm that he is representing Dr. Gary Ramsey.

The District Court's clerk of court shall then designate Woodruff as lead attorney for Ramsey for electronic filing and service.

Pursuant to Tydingco-Gatewood's order issued last March 28, Ramsey filed a declaration for the purpose of having Woodruff resume as his counsel. Woodruff has been previously disbarred.

The March 28 order allows Woodruff to resume his representation in Ramsey's lawsuit upon the doctor's filing of a

declaration in court requesting that he do so.

Tydingco-Gatewood had suspended Woodruff from practice in the U.S. District Court for a period of one year. Tydingco-Gatewood said Woodruff may apply for reinstatement after six months.

In 2013, then-Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman disbarred Woodruff from the practice of law in the CNMI for 44 violations of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct. The judge said Woodruff may not apply for reinstatement until the expiration of at least two years. The CNMI Supreme Court affirmed the disbarment order in 2015.

Meanwhile, the Ninth Circuit was itself considering whether to impose reciprocal discipline on Woodruff. The matter was referred to the appellate commissioner, who found lack of due process, infirmity of proof, and grave risk of injustice, and recommended that the Ninth

Circuit should not accord a presumption of correctness to the Commonwealth disciplinary proceedings.

Nonetheless, in light of a pattern of failures of Woodruff to meet deadlines and follow Ninth Circuit rules in various appeals, the appellate commissioner recommended imposition of alternative discipline of 18 months' probation.

Ramsey, a former medical

staff at the CHC, has a pending wrongful termination lawsuit in federal court against the CNMI government, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., and others. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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# Next Top Model pageant this weekend

The wait for the CNMI's next top model ends this Sunday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, with the 16 contestants showcasing their outfits, talents, and wit this Sunday at the Hibiscus Hall.

The highlight of the pageant will be the Trash-to-Class seg-

ment where the contestants will show off their handmade outfits made solely of recyclables.

The pageant will also have sportswear, formal wear, a talent portion, and more.

The candidates have been preparing for coronation night since February and have even

undergone some pre-pageant activities to introduce them to the community.

As part of the pageant's aim to spread environmental conservation awareness, they were also required to participate in conservation seminars with the Bureau of Environ-

mental and Coastal Quality. It is expected that the 16 candidates will incorporate what they learned at the seminar in their outfits.

The 2018 Next Top Model contestants are Naveen Lucenara, 14; Trisha Jindra Rivera, 13; Ma. Valerie Cadawan,

18; Sue Ann Huevos, 15; Mazie Anne Manalang, 16; Janine Magbanua Deleon Guerrero, 13; Labao Jeggier, 17; Neil Camay, 16; Yads DeGuzman, 17; Joshua Magno, 18; Salvani Darl Gio, 17; Tristan Joshua Amado, 18; Macrino Carreon, 16; Francis Matthew

Macaspac, 18; and Ezekiel Quiroz, 18.

Tickets have been available since March 10 and range from \$10 to \$20, depending on the seating.

For those interested in buying a ticket to the pageant, contact Sharmaine Casquero at 233-2643 or Alice Barbo through the Saipan Unity Lion's Club Facebook page. **(Kimberly A. Bautista)**

## Lion's Club to host diabetes awareness

The Saipan Fil-American Lion's Club will be celebrating Diabetes Awareness Day on Sunday, April 22, from 7am

to 11am at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Azucena Hall and is inviting the community to participate.

There will be guest speakers from the Non-Communicable Disease Bureau to discuss hypertension and all things related

to diabetes prevention. Hardt Eye Clinic's certified diabetes educators will also be present. There will be a blood pressure and sugar check before the presentation starts and the club will

also provide free refreshments.

Due to limited seating, interested participants must call to register. For inquiries and details, contact Saipan Fil-American Lion's Club president

Annamae Adaza at 285-4388, secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021, auditor Eden Mercado at 989-2416, or project chair Ernie Molina at 789-8212. **(Kimberly A. Bautista)**

## ACADEMY

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ian and Rota DPS are indeed planning to have their own separate police academies.

Tinian DPS director Matthew Masga said yesterday that one of the reasons why they are planning to do that is because DPS Commissioner Robert Guerrero told them that Tinian DPS should shoulder the expenses of sending cadets to the 23rd police academy on Saipan.

Doing that—sending about 10 to 12 Tinian cadets to the academy on Saipan—will

cost Tinian DPS \$220,000, Masga said.

Masga said that whenever Tinian DPS sends cadets to the police academy, it's always been DPS Saipan that would shoulder all the costs. "But this is the first time they told us to shoulder all the costs and I cannot afford to send 12 people to Saipan. [I may] as well have [the academy] on Tinian," he said.

He declined to specify Guerrero's reason for the new DPS policy, but estimated a savings of \$120,000 for holding a police academy on Tinian.

At the same time, Masga

pointed out that the 10 police positions are numbers from the governor's office and are embedded in the 2018 budget but have not been funded yet.

"That's one reason why I could not send my cadets to the academy and I have not hired anyone yet," he said, adding that the positions have been identified but are zero funded.

The Tinian DPS director said he has been working for the last two months with the Tinian delegation on how to fund the 10 positions.

Masga also disclosed that Guerrero wrote him that Tinian DPS will shoulder all

the costs to send 10 cadets to Saipan for the academy.

"My operations for 2018 for Tinian DPS is...minimal. I have enough to run the DPS now as a whole operations but I could not afford to send 10 to 12 people to Saipan," he said.

Masga said he does not want to risk the financial burden associated with sending 10 to 12 cadets to Saipan.

Sending 10 cadets to Saipan, the director said, will cost Tinian DPS \$220,000 because they have to consider renting two houses which costs \$15,000, renting two vans, which translates to \$6,000 for five months, paying costs for

overtime, equipment, including uniforms and guns.

With that burden, Masga prefers having an academy on Tinian.

He said they have sat down already in a couple of meetings with Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas, the Tinian and Agrihan Legislative Delegation, and Northern Marianas College.

Masga is targeting that their academy will start on July 1, 2018. "I will be doing the same concept. Whatever the criteria for Saipan academy it will be the same thing for Tinian," said the director, adding that he will also

invite Division of Fish and Wildlife, Customs, and other law enforcements on Tinian to join the academy.

Masga would still need Guerrero's assistance after the Tinian cadets graduate because they would have to go through on-the-job training on Saipan, possibly this November.

Masga said the mayor has to sign an agreement with NMC so that all courses taken on Tinian will be accredited, so the graduates can pursue their associates degrees at a later date.

Tinian DPS currently has 21 police officers, including Masga.



Despite the drizzle, Police Sgt. Arnold Seman continues the drill for the 34 cadets of the 23rd CNMI Police Academy in the field next to the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe last Wednesday afternoon.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

## DOCK

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area]," said Sablan, in response to a question why the stakeholder committee was formed for the dock.

The committee is composed of officials from the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Coastal Resources Management, Department of

Public Lands, Department of Lands and Natural Resources, DCCA, HPO, and more.

"[The dock] poses a safety hazard to our people. A lot of people...have accidents in the area," he said.

To be dubbed as the Sugar Dock project, Sablan emphasized that the rebuilding project won't result in dismantling the historical significance of the dock.

Having planned and dis-

cussed of the rebuilding for over five months, Sablan said in order to rebuild the dock, federal processes and procedures must first be followed because of its historical significance.

"In those several meetings, James Pruitt of HPO recommended that we [utilize] the expertise of a historical architect," he said, adding that DCCA was able to assist with communicating with Laguana.

According to Sablan, La-

guana was able to assess the pier yesterday morning.

"[The committee] wants to repair the dock to make it safer, and because it has the defining features of a national historic landmark, there are some protocol that need to be followed," said HPO staff archaeologist James Pruitt.

### 'It is definitely in the millions'

When asked about the possi-

ble cost of the project, Sablan suspects at least \$1 million.

"Maybe a little over \$1 million or \$2 million," he said. "The speaker and I are looking at possible funding sources for the project."

According to Sablan, one possible source was the annual casino license fee, where the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation gets \$11 million. He mentioned that Demapan and he would

lobby the delegation to support the project; however, he did not specifically disclose a funding source.

He reiterated that there were several possible sources of funding and insists that the project is a Commonwealth matter and not just a delegation matter.

"Fishermen from Tinian dock in the area, so it is not only a Saipan pier, but it is also used by the people of Tinian," he added.



**NEWS BRIEFS****6 Saipan beaches red-flagged**

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged six Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected sites are Pau Pau Beach, Puerto Rico Dump, Hafadai drainage 2, Garapan Fishing Dock, Garapan Beach drain 3, and Garapan Beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. *(DEQ)*

**Jury selection cancelled**

This is to inform all prospective jurors on panels "17CS" that the jury selection scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2018, at 8:30am at the U.S. District Court is cancelled until further notice. For further information, contact Deputy Clerk Daisy Mendiola at the Superior Court at 236-9885. *(PR)*

**MHS PTSA meeting today**

Marianas High School will be holding its monthly PTSA meeting today, April 20. This will be a dinner meeting at Coral Ocean Point from 6pm to 9pm. Seats are limited and we will be able to accommodate 50 parents. This will be on a first, first serve basis. Call Nenita Inton at 664-3800 or 237-3206 to register. *(PR)*

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# Agapito wins Gold's Gym Transformation Challenge

By BEA CABRERA

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CORRESPONDENT

Leandro “Andrew” Agapito was named the overall winner of the annual Gold’s Gym Transformation Challenge, which held its awards banquet last April 14 at Everest Kitchen in Garapan.

Agapito, who weighed 210 lbs at the start of the challenge, finished the contest with a weight of 176 lbs, having lost 34 lbs during the 12-week Transformation Challenge. He credited thoughts of taking care of his family as his primary motivator.

“My family was really concerned about my health...I felt unhappy and depressed after seeing my unflattering photos on Facebook—a sagging belly, huge cheeks and chin which concealed my neck and my immune system was deteriorating. I knew that I really have to lose weight and start to live a healthy lifestyle,” he said.

“This challenge made me realize so many things such as the value life, health, and family as they are my strength and inspiration. Since I’m...the breadwinner, a husband and a father, I thought that if I don’t take care of myself, if I con-

tinue neglecting my body and health, what would happen to my family? Who is going to provide for them? And these are the thoughts and questions that kept me motivated,” he added.

He hopes that his experience will motivate, inspire, and encourage his colleagues and friends to be fit and healthy. “My role here is to be a good example and by becoming a living testimony for them and for everyone,” he said.

He said his transformation only marks the beginning of his fitness journey.

The other winners in the

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left, Gold’s Gym general manager Tyce Mister, overall winner Andrew Agapito, and gym co-owner Russ Quinn.

men’s 18-35 age bracket were Jeffrey Bahillo, Francisco Rosario II, and Terence Leung. Winners in the men’s 35 and above age bracket were Ronnel Mostales, Albert Pitpit, Freddy Sato, and Brad Ruszala.

The women’s 18-34 age bracket winners were Venus Raguine, Joann Villena, and Shawna Brenfleck. The women’s 35-and-above winners were Leonila “Onie” Alejos, Elizabeth



Lebria, and Rhodora Joson.

All winners received cash prizes and Gold’s Gym certificates to ensure their fitness journey would continue.

A special award called the “Ultra Award,” named after sponsor Michelob Ultra, was given to the participant earning the most points by attending Gold’s Gym classes, checking in to use the facilities, and triple points for joining the Saturday Challenge Bootcamp classes. The female winner was Reydamellia Calibo and male winner was Ronnel Mostales, who also won the first place prize in the male 35+ and over category.

According to Aaron Tomokane, a certified personal trainer at Gold’s Gym, the challenge began with 58 participants and Agapito was one of the 29 participants who completed with their “after” assessments.

“We sincerely hope it that

was a positive experience for all involved and as a group, these 29 challengers lost nearly 471 lbs and 150 inches off their waistlines. The estimated loss in percentage body fat averaged 6.4 percent and this was one of the most competitive challenges that I’ve seen,” he said.

Gold’s Gym’s partners were Michelob Ultra from MarPac, PHI Pharmacy, Saipan Apparel, Brabu Pharmacy & Wellness Center

“Everyone’s a winner and when we focus on eating healthy and exercising regularly, then everyone wins,” said Tyce Mister, general manager of Gold’s Gym Saipan.

Mister said that many of Gold’s Gym’s personal trainers are certified by the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

Gold’s Gym Saipan has been serving the community since 1997.



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# National Park Week at the AMP

The American Memorial Park will be celebrating National Park Week and is inviting the public.

Tomorrow, April 21, from 9am to 12pm, the park will feature artwork created during the annual Art-in-the-Park program. The artists who led the banana painting, watercolor and beading sessions will be on hand to demonstrate their craft.

For those interested in participating in artistic expression, there will also be a "chalk walk" from 9am to 11am. This interactive activity will enable everyone to make art with chalk along the park's paths.

Youths of all ages will also have the opportunity to become junior rangers. Throughout the morning, visit the ranger station and pick up a junior ranger activity sheet. Those who complete the activities will become American Memorial Park junior rangers and receive a special badge.

For those who want to know more about national parks across the United States, join park rangers throughout the week to view featured park films and discover our amazing national treasures. For special film showings:

## Saturday, April 21:

■ 3:30pm: *The Crown of the Continent*, Katmai National Park and Preserve

■ 4pm: *Island of Hope, Island of Tears*, Ellis Island

## Sunday, April 22:

■ 3:30pm: *A Glorious Journey*, John Muir National Historic Site

■ 4pm: *...into Forgetfulness*, John Muir National Historic Site

## Monday, April 23:

■ 3:30pm: *Struggle and Triumph: the Legacy of George Washington Carver*, George Washington Carver National Monument

■ 4:10pm: *Voices of Sitka*, Sitka National Historical Park

## Tuesday, April 24:

■ 3:30pm: *The Tuskegee Airmen: Sacrifice and Triumph*, Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site

■ 4:10pm: *Shark Safety*, Cape Cod National Seashore

■ 4:20pm: *Water Power*, Paterson Great Falls National Historic Park

## Wednesday, April 25:

■ 3:30pm: *Yellowstone National Park*

■ 4pm: *Hidden Worlds: Carlsbad Caverns National Park*

## Thursday, April 26:

■ 3:30pm: *A Restless Giant: The Ever-changing Nature of Mount Rainier*, Mount Rainier National Park

■ 4pm: *The True Heart of Winter*, Denali National Park and Preserve  
**Friday, April 27:**

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# CCA to receive over \$900K

By **KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA**  
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Cancer Association will get nearly \$1 million from the CNMI Legislature that will be dispersed among over 160 cancer patients.

During the Oral Cancer

Awareness Month proclamation signing last Wednesday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, CCA board chair Bo Palacios said the Legislature is reportedly in the process of allotting a little over \$900,300 to CCA from the tax collected from tobacco products. The bill is

currently with the Senate.

"We had a huge spike in cancer incidents in 2017... and cancer isn't just something that you go to the doctor once... It's something you spend years fighting so we spend years supporting the patients fighting cancer," he said.

According to Palacios, the



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signs the proclamation that designates the month of May as Oral Cancer Awareness Month during the proclamation signing last Wednesday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

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association currently has 161 clients and the number just continues to grow.

"Because of the enormous number of patients with cancer, we're kind of taking a look at how we can budget these funds best to make sure we are as fair as possible to each and every one of our clients," he said.

"The number is changing; just in the last month we had 15 new clients...that probably the most we've had..." he added.

In 2016 to 2017 alone, Palacios said the association saw an increase of 65 percent in the number of cancer patients in the CNMI.

The CCA runs their programs and offers assistance through donations and fundraisers. If the amount of cancer patients only continues to grow, the associations won't have enough funding to assist them all. CCA is hopeful that the bill allocating over \$900,000 to it would help in the battle against cancer in

the CNMI.

The CCA does not offer actual cancer treatment but they provide food vouchers and fund amenities needed by cancer patients such as wheelchairs, beds, etc.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy 15th birthday, Justin. Whenever life gives you a hard time, come give us a hug. No matter what you do or how old you become, for us you'll always be our little son. We love you, now and always. Stay blessed.

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## Homeless coalition meeting set

The CNMI Homeless Coalition will be having its general membership meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 9am at the DYS Main Office in Chalan Piao.

The coalition would like to invite its partners, organizations, agencies and individuals providing direct or indirect services to individuals and/or

families who are homeless or at risk of being homeless to attend the meeting.

If you may have any questions or concerns, contact Jacob Muña at 234-7689, through email at jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp or Vivian Sablan at 664-2592, through email at vsablan@dys.gov.mp. (PR)



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# 'Let us not penalize KCHC'

By **BEA CABRERA**  
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CORRESPONDENT

Breaking off from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

## Matson launches new Tahiti service

**GUAM**—Matson, Inc., a leading U.S. carrier in the Pacific, has launched a previously announced new direct service to Tahiti that provides twice monthly, fixed day arrivals from the U.S. mainland and the fastest transit times from Hawaii to French Polynesia.

The new Tahiti service is an extension of Matson's South Pacific Express, or SPX, service that connects the carrier's existing U.S. West Coast network serving all three major ports, and its New Zealand-based network serving islands of the South Pacific.

In February, Matson announced the addition of a second vessel to its SPX service, which enables direct calls on Tahiti and Tonga, along with improved reliability of fixed-day arrivals every two weeks. The second vessel, Maria P, is soon to be renamed Samoana.

With the addition of Papeete, Tahiti as a port of call, Matson now provides export shipping from the United States and Hawaii to many of the major islands of Polynesia, including Samoa, American Samoa, the Cook Islands (Rarotonga and Aitutaki), Tonga (Nukualofa and Vava'u), Niue, New Zealand, and Fiji (Suva and Lautoka).

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"This new service allows Matson to leverage existing operations in the region to offer market-leading service to a new destination," said senior vice president-Pacific Tuilaepa Vic Angoco. "The people of Tahiti and Hawaii have enjoyed a long and rich history together with shared ethnic and cultural ties. We look forward to strengthening ties between our island communities."

For detailed schedule information, refer to the updated SPX Sailing Schedule posted online at [https://www.matson.com/matnav/services/south\\_pacific\\_Schedules.html](https://www.matson.com/matnav/services/south_pacific_Schedules.html)

Matson has appointed Papeete Seairland Transports as its exclusive agent in Tahiti. (PR)

Founded in 1882, Matson is a provider of ocean transportation and logistics services. Matson provides a vital lifeline to the domestic non-contiguous economies of Hawaii, Alaska, and

last week to chart an independent course, the Kagman Community Health Center now heads into the future as a non-profit entity.

Guam, and to other island economies in Micronesia. Matson also operates a premium, expedited service from China to Southern California and provides services to Okinawa, Japan and various islands in the South Pacific.

Matson Logistics, established in 1987, extends the geographic reach of Matson's transportation network throughout the continental U.S.

Additional information about the company is available at [www.matson.com](http://www.matson.com).

With almost 5,000 patients from all over Saipan, KCHC aims to provide services to include family care, women's and children's care, veteran's care, and care for the chronically ill and elderly.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres congratulates KCHC for being awarded a \$3-million grant from

the Health Resources and Services Administration that will be spread out in the next three years.

"We should be giving them kudos and congratulate them for...taking the initiative and being competitive to apply for a million-dollar grant. If KCHC did not apply, the grant would have gone to someone else, so let's not penalize them for doing what I believe is good for the community," he said.

"We must remember that this is a grant that they applied for and they are the only entity that applied and because of that, I think we should endorse that," he added.

The new grant awarded to KCHC left out co-applicant CHCC.

The old HRSA grant is expiring on April 30, 2018.

"I believe that KCHC will bring benefit to the commu-

nity... We asked the community in Kagman and everyone would like to avail of their health services," Torres said.

"The question that we should be asking ourselves is, will KCHC provide quality healthcare for our community? If the answer is yes, then we should support it and if not, then we should re-evaluate. It's as simple as that," he added.

## Limtiaco promoted to head BoG's info security

Bank of Guam announced yesterday the promotion of Matthew E. Limtiaco to vice president/information security manager.

Limtiaco, who has been with the bank since 2015, was with IBM Corp. from 2009-2015, serving as an expert on

security and risk compliance.

Prior to that, Limtiaco consulted with a number of international Fortune 500 companies in the U.S. mainland, includ-



Limtiaco

ing Amgen, Inc., Computer Associates, Spirit Aerosystems and Coca-Cola, in the capacity of information security management.

A 1992 graduate of Father Duenas Memorial School, Limtiaco

graduated from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering in 1996. He has earned a number of certifications including Certified Information Systems Security Professional. (PR)

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REPORTER

### 'A bad deal all around'

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres discussed with local authorities what could be done about the United Airlines' decision to pull Cape Air United Express out of Rota while a local lawmaker condemned the decision

to discontinue flights to the CNMI's southernmost island.

According to a statement from the administration, Torres, along with Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog met with Common-

wealth Ports Authority officials to discuss what can possibly be done now that Rota would lack reliable transportation to both Saipan and Guam. Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-

Saipan), on the other hand, condemned the decision, describing it as a lose-lose situation for the Marianas.

The statement followed a United Airlines memorandum

over the weekend informing their employees that they would discontinue servicing Rota from Saipan and Guam through Cape Air and instead set up their own flight routes from Guam to Saipan using Boeing 737-800 jet aircrafts.

A follow-up statement from United Airlines said that it is severing Micronesian ties with Cape Air, including their flights to Saipan from Guam.

According to a statement from the Torres administration, both Torres and Hocog would be discussing with United Airlines' services between Saipan and Guam.

"[Torres and Hocog] take this matter very seriously and will engage with all relevant stakeholders and the community on a positive path forward. This administration recognizes the importance of safe and reliable transportation to the island of Rota and Tinian, and we remain committed to ensuring that goal is met," the statement said.

Demapan, in response to an inquiry from *Saipan Tribune*, referred to the news as "disappointing."

"We will lose critical air service to and from Rota, placing undue hardship on the residents of Rota, visitors who travel to Rota, and medical referral patients from Rota," said Demapan. He added that Cape Air employees are left hanging.

"...United Airlines has given no indication on whether they would be willing to absorb the staff of Cape Air that are based in the CNMI. I'd like to urge United Airlines to give these employees priority consideration because if they are going to be displaced from the workforce, it will also affect the livelihoods of their families," he said.

### 'Problematic'

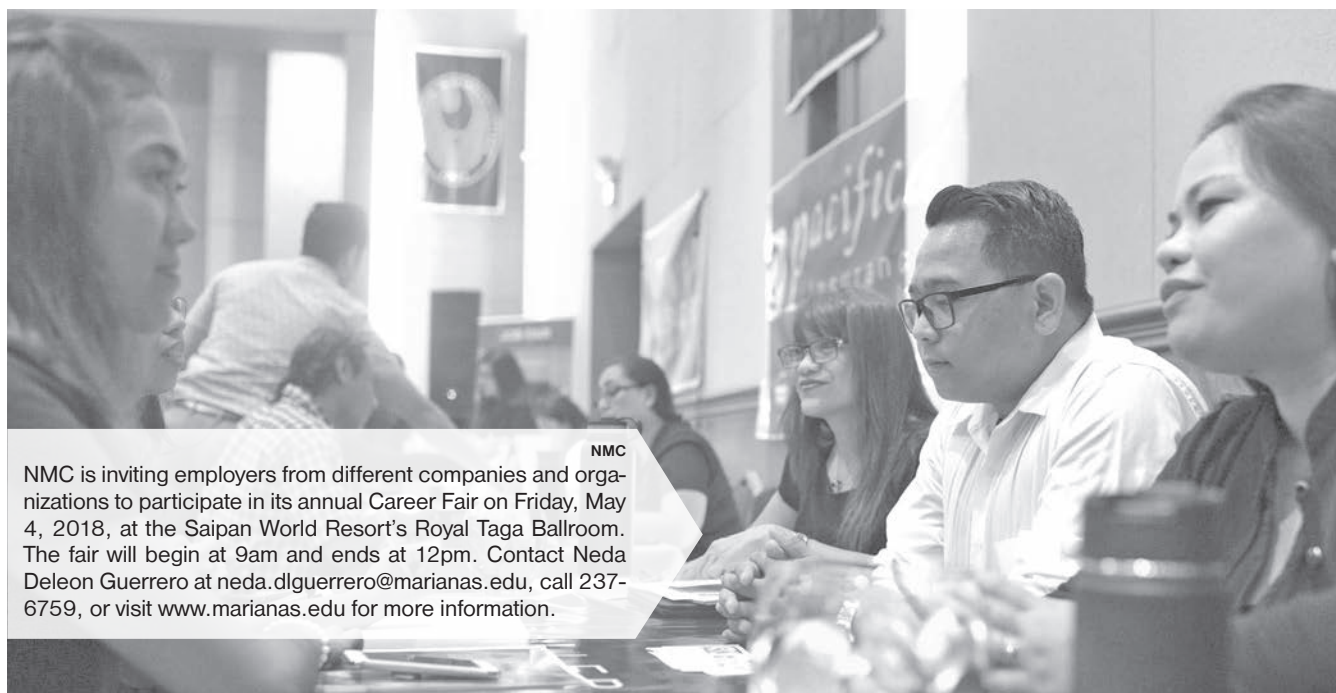
Demapan believes the new schedule United Airlines set for the Guam-Saipan route is "problematic all around."

According to a previous statement from United Airlines' corporate communications, the new routes would leave Guam for Saipan at 7am and arrive on 7:45am, with a return flight leaving Saipan at 8:45am and arriving in Guam at 9:30am. United Airlines did not state an afternoon flight.

"Their schedule is not good for the CNMI in the short or long term. It only serves inter-island traffic between Saipan and Guam. However, passengers going to Japan or Honolulu and beyond will have to [stay] overnight in Guam because the once-a-day flight from Saipan gets to Guam when all connecting flights have left for the day," Demapan said.

"Coupled with the exit of Delta on May 6, the only way to get to Japan and the U.S. is via United and the mandatory overnight stay in Guam," he said.

## NMC Career Fair seeks employers



NMC is inviting employers from different companies and organizations to participate in its annual Career Fair on Friday, May 4, 2018, at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Ballroom. The fair will begin at 9am and ends at 12pm. Contact Neda Deleon Guerrero at neda.dlguerrero@marianas.edu, call 237-6759, or visit [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu) for more information.

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nizations to participate in its annual Career Fair on Friday, May 4, 2018, at the Saipan

World Resort's Royal Taga Ballroom. The fair will begin at 9am and end at 12pm.

The NMC Career Fair provides government agencies, private sector companies, and non-profit organizations that are looking to fill key vacancies within their organizations to connect with prospective employees and job applicants. Organizations can also promote their summer jobs, internships, and career opportunities to NMC students and graduates.

The following organizations have already confirmed their participation: Century Tours Inc., Civil Service Commission-Office of Personnel Management, CNMI Public School System, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Delta Management Corp., Department of Public Lands, DFS Saipan, Ete Cafe, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, G4S, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, Kalayaan Inc., Kanoa Resort, Kensington Hotel Saipan, Marianas Pacific Distributors, *Marianas Variety*, Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, No Ka Oi Termite & Pest Control Inc., Northern Marianas College Human Resources, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Pacific Trading Co., Paradise Dental Spa, Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Program, Saipan World Resort, Sorensen Media Group, and Workforce Investment Agency Division.

To participate in NMC's Career Fair, companies are asked to contact Neda Deleon Guerrero at 237-6759 or email at [neda.dlguerrero@marianas.edu](mailto:neda.dlguerrero@marianas.edu) or visit [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu). (PR)

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Flame trees line up Beach Road in this file photo. The 37th Annual Flame Tree Arts is set from April 26 to 29 Civic Center across the Guma Hustisia.

## DCCA aims to bring back Flame Tree fest traditions

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs aims to revive the Flame Tree Festival's previous status as the largest arts festival in Micronesia.

During the Rotary Club of Saipan's weekly meeting last Tuesday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni Restaurant, DCCA Secretary Robert Hunter told Rotarians that he aims to make the 37th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival as great as it used to be.

The Flame Tree Festival used to be known as the largest festival in Micronesia, but the economic recession whittled it down and it became smaller and smaller.

Hunter said Tuesday that he and his team have been working hard to revive the festival, going as far as bumping up the number of concession booths this year to 80, which is pretty close to the targeted 110 concession booths that the festival used to have.

According to Hunter it seems the community is supportive of the changes because as of Tuesday, only three concession booths out of 80 were available, which means 77 have already been taken.

The festival will also be moved back to the Civic Center across the *Guma Hustisia* because that is where it was held for many years. Moving the festival back to the Civic Center is also convenient because DCCA wants to officially open its completed canoe house that was built there.

The canoe house has been under construction for a couple of months.

The festival will begin with the dedication of the canoe house on Thursday, April 26.

The festival will run from April 26 to 29 and will feature local and regional artists.

"There will be cultural performances, art exhibitions, games and free canoe rides," Hunter said.

This year's festival will also showcase the family of Chamorro and Carolinian canoes established in the CNMI. There will also be a fleet of canoes that will voyage from Guam to Saipan to participate.

This year's Flame Tree Arts Festival is expected to be the biggest festival the island has seen in a long while. *(Kimberly A. Bautista)*

## Scheduled power interruption on April 21

There will be a scheduled power interruption on Saturday, April 21, from 6am to 11am along Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Middle Road and Gualo Rai village to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crews to replace three wooden power poles with concrete poles in addition to repairing a defective in-line switch located at the Middle Road and Quartermaster traffic light intersection.

The pole replacement tasks are part of an ongoing Hazard

Mitigation Project that entails the replacement of 787 wooden poles with concrete poles.

A total of 361 wooden poles have been replaced. The remaining 426 wooden poles are scheduled for replacement in the future.

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### EDITORIAL

## The depth of Barbara Bush's heart will endure in all of us

Anyone who doubts that Barbara Pierce Bush was a force in her own right never saw her speak live. On one occasion we caught her at an event at Tex-

as A&M University where the crowd roared to life the moment the emcee said, "And here she is, the Silver Fox herself."

Bush, who died Tuesday at age 92, occupied that rarest of positions in American life: The wife of one president and the mother of another. Only Abigail Adams—married to the second president and mother of the sixth—shared that distinction. But to note this unique history is also to risk casting Bush in the shadow of two presidents, and that doesn't do justice to the woman whose husband affectionately called her "Bar."

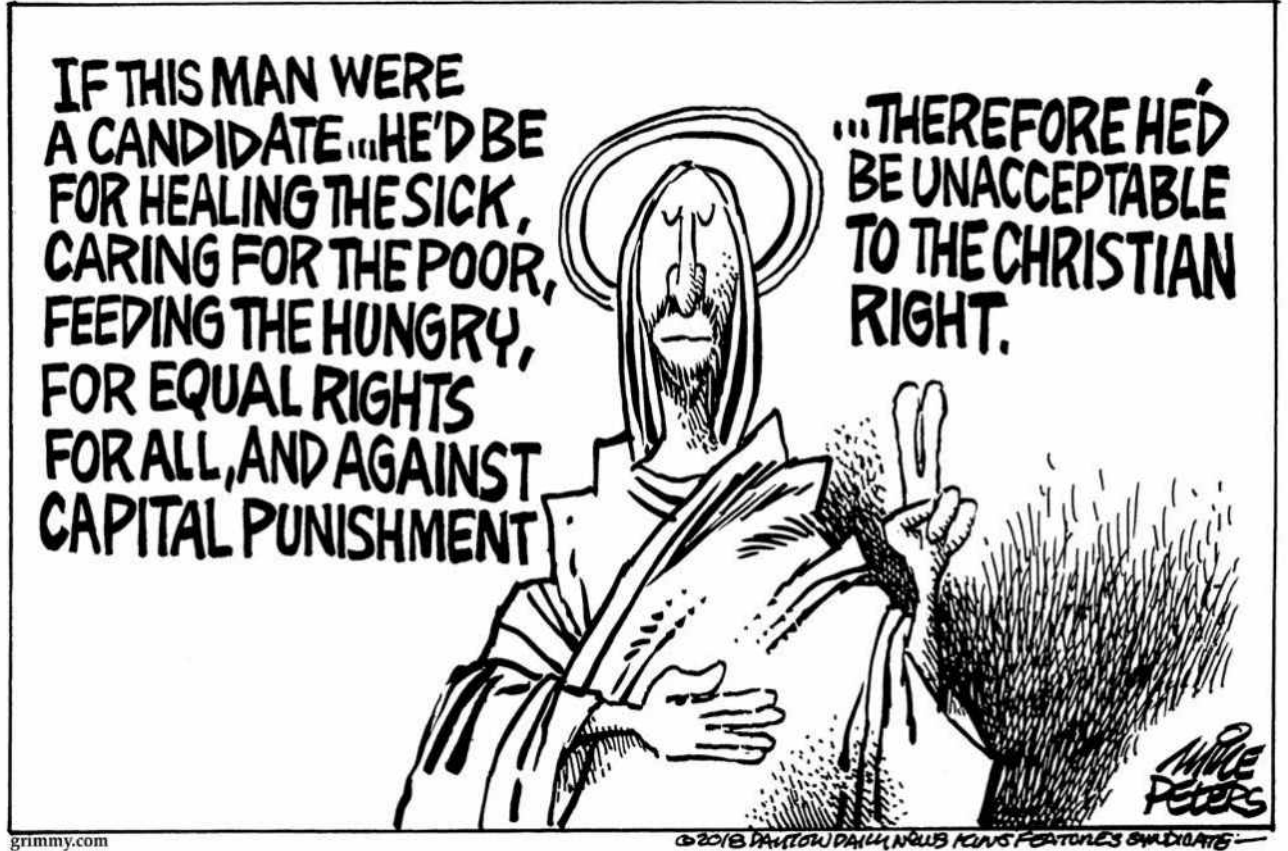
Born and raised in New York, she possessed an inner strength that undergirded an extraordinary life. Married in 1945 at age 19 to George H.W. Bush, then a naval aviator, she would go on to move to West Texas and become a force within one of the most successful political families in American history.

Although sometimes known for her sharp wit, Bush's legacy will be found in the compassion she demonstrated for other people. As first lady, at a time of irrational fear about the spread of HIV/AIDS, she famously pushed against stigmatizing those with the disease. She visited a home in Washington, D.C., for HIV positive children, where she cradled an infant and kissed a toddler. She said it was safe and the right thing for everyone to do. "There is a need for compassion," she said.

Instantly recognizable for her gray hair and pearls, few today know that her hair first turned when her daughter Pauline Robinson Bush, known as Robin, tragically died at age 3 after battling leukemia.



See BARBARA on Next Page



## True liberation for the CNMI

By **JUAN DIEGO C. BLANCO**  
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

I love barbecue and parades as much as you do. But that's not the real meaning of Liberation Day. After we enjoy the barbecue and the pageants and parades, let's remember the real meaning of Liberation Day: commemorating our people's subjugation and oppression at the hands of Uncle Sam, a hostile foreign power.

They bombed our peaceful villages, held us in concentration camps, and insulted our dignity and our livelihoods. Ask your parents and grandparents about it. We must remember what our people went through. And when we remember those indignities and sacrifices, we should be inspired to act.

Did your teachers never tell you that the real meaning of Liberation Day is what the Americans did *to* us, not *for* us?

We NMDs were not liberated *by* the Americans. We were liberated *from* the Americans. They kept us in concentration camps, on our own islands. They thought we NMDs were a danger to the Americans' plans of taking over the Marianas. Maybe we should prove them right on that part.

Meanwhile, the Americans love to talk about freedom and liberty. On July 4 the Americans have their holiday of declaring independence from the British. Great for them. But that's not what we celebrate on July 4 here in the Marianas. Our experience with July 4 is very different.

After hundreds of years of domination by the Spanish, the Germans, and the Japanese, the Americans came along in the 1930s and put us NMDs in concentration camps on our own islands. Maybe our forefathers were used to that kind of treatment by then, but that doesn't make it right.

On July 4, those Americans deigned to release us from the concentration camps, to live peacefully on our own islands, as we always had. And for that we're supposed to be grateful. Do the people liberated from the Nazi concentration camps celebrate the Nazis for finally letting them go? No. Then why should we NMDs kowtow to the foreign power that's been oppressing us and colonizing us for almost a century? It all started when the Americans imprisoned many of us, or our parents and grandparents. And it's been continuing since then.

When they took away 197 miles of our coastline, we trusted them that it was in our best interest. When they gave us back just 3 miles, we were grateful.

They promised us a multimillion dollar visitors' center that would allow a few of our people to earn minimum wage. We were so grateful for the table scraps that we were able to give away all our land and ocean rights for their "Marine Monument."

When they took away our garment industry, we believed them that it was for the best. They told us that all those empty garment factory buildings would soon be thriving businesses. Really?

And now, when their immigration laws are about to destroy our tourism industry, we're also all sitting here and acting like we deserve yet another poke in the eye.

Are we finally going to stop accepting and condoning being abused like this?

I understand the idea of a nation. But how are we the same nation as America? Our land is different, our culture is different, our language is different, and even our appearance is different. How is that the same nation, other than by the force of colonialism and subjugation?

Several of our wise forefathers, the signers of the Covenant, are still with us. Let's ask them: is this what they were promised when they were told to sign their names on the Covenant? Did they know that this would mean the loss of our sovereignty, our culture, and our dignity? With peanuts in return? Or were they tricked into signing for something they didn't expect?

For all the talk about equality, we don't even have a vote in America. Our congressional representative is a joke: he does the best he can but, without a vote, how much can he really do for us? It's not his fault that the Americans consider us not even worthy of voting.

Do you think we're good enough to vote for our own leaders? Good enough to have a voice in the governance of our islands? Good enough to set our own policies for these islands? I do.

We're not any worse than the citizens of Palau, FSM, or the Marshall Islands, all of whom are prospering as independent nations. They can set their immigration and labor laws as they see fit. They can manage their own environment and economy. They can negotiate on their countries' behalf with other countries. That's just basic human rights. Why don't we Northern Marianas natives have those same basic human rights?

Are we not good enough? I think we are good enough. Are we any worse than the Palauans? I don't think so. Are we worthy of standing up independently? We definitely are.

As Liberation Day approaches, remember the real meaning of the day. It's the day when we threw off the chains of being literally imprisoned on our own islands by the Americans.

Today, we consider ourselves fortunate because we're no longer literally in chains on our own islands. But the reality is we live just as if we were in chains. We have to do as told, and we're trained to be grateful when they give us table scraps.

We're human beings. We're not any worse than the Americans who are so proud of having liberated themselves from their oppressors. We can liberate ourselves from our own oppressors, and find a new future for ourselves: a future of independence, self-determination, and dignity, for ourselves, for our children, and for our islands.

Stand with me. Let's celebrate the true meaning of Liberation Day. And let's look forward to a time when we can truly be liberated.



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## Skin in the Game

**S**kin in the Game: Hidden Asymmetries in Daily Life (Random House, 279 pp., \$30) is the latest book by mathematician and philosopher Nassim Nicholas Taleb. It hit the market on Feb. 27. This marks the fifth installment in a collection of books by Taleb that's called the "Incerto." I think that fancy term means "uncertainty," well, more or less, but, uh, I'm not really sure.

But that's OK, because it just emphasizes the point: Taleb writes about uncertainty.

Life is, after all, an uncertain proposition. We face risks, ranging from the trivial to the profound, when making decisions. Handing these decisions to someone else doesn't eliminate the risks. It just hides the risks and allows other parties to skew things to their ultimate advantage.

With this in mind, *Skin in the Game* ponders the practical and ethical consequences of risk allocation, particularly the lopsided outcomes when one party can reap the rewards of an arrangement while another one suffers the losses.

There are, for example, plenty of "advisors" who will still cash your check after they've led you off a cliff.

On that note we pretty much run across the old distinction between the sidelines and the playing field, between the talkers and the doers, between the critics and the performers, and between theory and reality.

If that seems a bit abstract, then I'll poke my finger straight into the pie and come up with this: The entire Incerto collection, including *Skin in the Game*, is about how not to be a sucker.

Chapter 19 of *Skin in the Game*, "The Logic of Risk Taking," has some of the book's best material. It neatly cleaves a distinction between theoretical risks and real-life consequences. And here we'll note that risk's asymmetries aren't limited to the sucker vs. non-sucker distinction.

That's because even outside of that distinction, the tyranny of the timeline presents its own asymmetry. As fragile mortals, we're susceptible to getting derailed at any time. Once that happens, the conceptual track in front of us is moot; we won't be around to travel the path as the odds bend back to the greener pastures of their theoretical mean.

If, for example, you die young from some rare and random tragedy, there's no magic actuary standing by your grave to refund the years between your actual life span and your theoretical life span. An unlikely death makes you every bit as dead as a likely one does. Dead is dead.

Taleb writes: "The central problem is that if there is a possibility of ruin, cost-benefit analyses are no longer possible."

In a lot of cases, then, it's better to be safe than sorry, if safe means you'll be able to keep playing the game, and sorry means you won't.

In Taleb's words, "Anyone who has survived in the risk-taking business more than a few years has some version of our by now familiar principle that 'in order to succeed, you must first survive.'"

This might seem obvious, but the world of theory doesn't always see things that way. In the theoretical world, being "loss averse" can be regarded as unoptimal, even irrational, because it puts you on a frontier that might miss out on some potential gains.

The bottom line with all of this stuff is that if your skin is in the game, you can't just assume that somebody's thick stack of calculations, glossy brochures, trendy buzzwords, fancy job titles,

or technical double-talk are an acceptable replacement for your own sound judgment.

In one of his other books, *Antifragile* (my favorite of his works), Taleb goes into some detail about "heuristics," which are simple rules of thumb that have evolved to give us just that kind of judgment when we need to make fast decisions.

As for the ethical arguments in *Skin in the Game*, many of them address contemporary events and situations. I can venture no comments here because I'm the last one to ask about the world of current events. It's not my department. On the other hand, if you're looking for a cheeseburger expert, well, I'm your man. We all have our stations in life.

I'll close with a broad take on the book, this from its introduction: "It is not just that skin in the game is necessary for fairness, commercial efficiency, and risk management: skin in the game is

## The concept of time

**T**ime is a man-made invention to record period of events. Never had the opportunity to probe the concept for understanding and clarity. No "time" for it either!

Time flies especially when wrapped around some joyful event. Sadness or bad times turn it into an exasperating wait. But our memory allows for reconstruction or rebuilding that long ago journey for quick visits.

At dawn, I took a glimpse at fond memories of yesteryears. I ventured into it having turned 69 at dawn this morning. I was dumbfounded too, wondering where time has gone! The distant road behind me has turned into a thick dark jungle, humbled to have walked it this far. I started humming the folk song *Time* by Peter, Paul and Mary to reset buttons.

Indeed, we've had our share of challenges navigating our canoe with shredded sails amidst the stormy sea of uncertainty in the late '50s and '60s.

But persistently we paddled water-soaked heavy oars to guide our canoe to the safe port of self-government. It placed purpose, organization and confidence in the new journey ahead.

Recalled the Naval Administration closing down and deploying elsewhere in the early '60s. It rendered many of our people here jobless that forcibly returned to traditional farming and fishing. There wasn't any meaningful transition period. Perhaps we were stray dogs and inconsequential in military deployment.

Learning Chamorro was limited to the first and second grade then. Must be part and whole of the deculturation plan. Thanks to PSS for ensuring it is regular instruction in our school system today. It cements sustaining the indigenous culture and tradition.

We started self-government with a measly \$9 million-\$14 million in 1978. This has ballooned to \$258 million today. It's a huge leap beyond expectations!

Our people voted twice against casino but evil geniuses on the hill ignored the voice of the people and returned it. Or is this some strange contraption you didn't quite catch in your high school civics courses?

In the mid-'80s, the U.S. Congress asked the NMI to decide between a commercial port facility and a new healthcare system. We decided on the latter, built and opened in 1986 under the steady hands of the late Dr. Jose T. Villagomez.

William S. Reyes Elementary School was the center of primary education in the late '50s and '60s. Every pupil from San Roque to San Jose rides the bus to CK and returns home after three in the afternoon. Today, there are schools everywhere.

We used to send students to Guam to complete their high school education. It turned history in the mid-'60s when then Hopwood Sr. High was established, including MCS. Eh, we even have a small but growing community college today!

We chased the dollar-an-hour minimum wage in the late '60s. It was our single most vital aspiration for reintegration with Guahan. Ours then was about \$.16 an hour. However, we learned (to our chagrin) that the dollar is earned!

### By ED STEPHENS

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necessary to understand the world."

True enough. And when it comes to understanding the world, or at least that wide swath of it that holds risk and uncertainty, Taleb has proven to be an insightful guide.

### By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

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Learning manual typewriters (Royal and Underwood) was the aspired goal, strongly pushed by our elderly. It's seen as the ultimate skills acquisition so you become a clerk. Woe! What vision or is it more like B&W television?

The NMI now has a non-voting delegate in the U.S. Congress. It's a status given all territories. Full membership and representation is limited to the 50 states per the U.S. Constitution.

I was fortunate to have started out in radio and later a reporter with the TTG's Micronesian News Service (MNS). It was an enriching experience focused on regional events over provincial issues.

Finally, I worked as researcher and public relations for the largest private firm here after retiring from government. I was assigned to head the *Saipan Tribune*. In less than a year I turned it into a solvent business entity and served as its publisher/editor for seven years. It's the pride and crown of my private industry career! To one and all, thanks for the memories!

**Flag ceremony:** In grammar school, we would attend flag ceremonies every Monday morning. We would stand at attention and sing the *Star-Spangled Banner*.

But the only part of the song we remember was "Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light." The rest we mumbled to death. Never mind the lyrics for as long as you carry the tune.

A Navy admiral who attended the event later told our principal we did a fabulous job singing the national anthem in the vernacular!

### LITERARY NOOK

## MCS celebrates MMB legacy with poetry

Mount Carmel School is joining the continuing celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the arrival of the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz, or the MMB sisters, on Saipan. The school recently held a series of contests that invited students to reflect on the impact of the MMB sisters on Saipan and their school. Winners will be announced during a special May 4 Mass for May Crowning. Featured here are the poems of middle school

See MCS on Page 18

## SENATOR

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Among the many initiatives she championed, Bush may be best known for her work on literacy. She launched the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy while in the White House and continued the work the rest of her life. The foundation, working with local partners, has awarded more than \$40 million as of 2014 and helped more than 1,500 literacy programs.

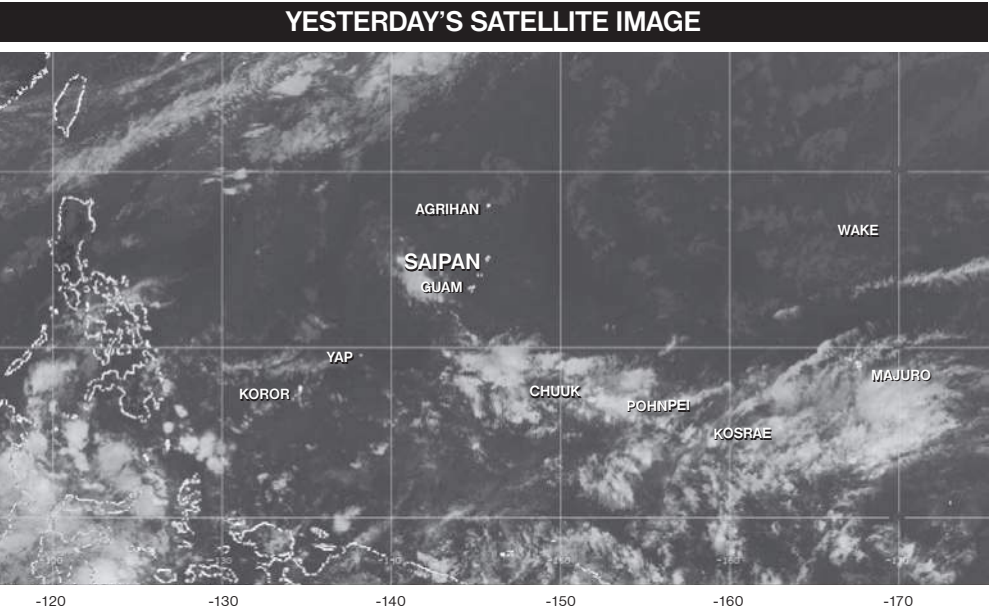
This kind of work doesn't generate the headlines or controversy often associated with the policy agenda of presidents, but it is the kind of effort that can improve millions of lives. "I still feel that being more literate will help us solve so many of the other problems facing our society," she wrote in her memoir in 1994.

Her son George W. Bush is fond of saying that he has his father's eyes and his mother's mouth. That may be true, but we shouldn't let that mask this truth: The depth of Barbara Bush's heart endures in all of the people she has touched.



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN				
TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
 Partly cloudy with isolated showers. east winds 10 to 15 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°



**PICTURE TIME: 6:30 AM, THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2018**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A disturbance continues to move through the Marianas this morning. It is bringing showers mainly to Guam and Rota. The expectation is that these showers will decrease with time, so have gone with scattered showers this morning for Guam and Rota and isolated elsewhere. Additionally, there have been a few lightning strikes, generally south of Guam through the night. However since they can not be ruled out further north, I have left in isolated thunderstorms with the scattered showers this morning. During the overnight hours, it seems the heaviest rain has been around the Marianas, but likely missed the majority of the islands, but it is just too close for comfort right now to take scattered wording out. Beyond today, a generally dry forecast is in store through the weekend and into early next week. Around the middle of next week there could be some changes.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA ▲ ▼ °F		
Guam and Rota	Showers	85° / 78°
Palau	Thunderstorm	86° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	85° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	84° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE ▲ ▼ °F		
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	68° / 59°
Beijing	Rain	64° / 55°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	81° / 73°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	81° / 73°
London	Mostly Sunny	75° / 54°
Los Angeles	Sunny	74° / 55°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	95° / 81°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	79° / 55°
Miami	Sunny	84° / 74°
New York	Partly Cloudy	54° / 37°
Osaka	Sunny	77° / 57°
Paris	Sunny	79° / 54°
Busan	Sunny	70° / 55°
Rome	Sunny	79° / 55°
Salem	Sunny	70° / 46°
San Francisco	Sunny	62° / 48°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	75° / 55°
Tokyo	Sunny	73° / 59°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	55° / 38°



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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET		
4:46 AM	LOW TIDE	1.00
9:50 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.88
5:07 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.29
-	-	-

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:00 AM	6:32 PM
Saturday	5:59 AM	6:32 PM
Sunday	5:58 AM	6:32 PM
Monday	5:58 AM	6:32 PM
Tuesday	5:57 AM	6:32 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	9:26 AM	10:40 PM	-
Saturday	10:23 AM	11:40 PM	-
Sunday	11:23 AM	-	-
Monday	-	12:37 AM	12:23 PM
Tuesday	-	1:31 AM	1:22 PM

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DEPARTURES		ARRIVALS	
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)		GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN	
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)		GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)	
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)		ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN	
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)		NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN	
DL297	4:20pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)		BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN	
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)		SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN	
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)		SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN	
3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (GHG)		HANGZHOU (GHG)-SAIPAN	
JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)		GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN	
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)		BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN	
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)		MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN	
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)		HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN	
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
U042	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.			
SAIPAN TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
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2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily



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4-cyl. Auto, Gray, STK#U17-139T  
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2015 Highlander LE Sport  
4-cyl. Auto, 2WD, Pearl White, STK#U17-135P  
WAS \$29,399  
NOW \$25,999\*



2016 Highlander LE SUV  
4-cyl. Auto, 2WD, Silver, STK#U17-109R  
WAS \$30,299  
NOW \$26,499\*



2013 4Runner SR5  
4-cyl. Auto, 4WD, Red, STK#U17-134T  
WAS \$27,899  
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2014 Tacoma Double Cab  
4-cyl. Auto, 2WD, White, STK#U17-128L  
WAS \$31,399  
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2016 Highlander LE SUV  
4-cyl. Auto, 2WD, Silver, STK#U17-108R  
WAS \$30,599\*  
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2013 4Runner SR5  
V6, Auto, 4WD, Gray, Mileage 46,113  
STK#U18-013T  
NOW \$28,199\*



2016 Sienna LE Van  
Mileage 46,864, 6-cyl. Auto, FWD, White,  
STK#U18-008L  
NOW \$29,999\*



2012 4Runner Trail Edition  
Mileage 30,438, V6, Auto, 4WD, Gray, STK#U17-096P  
WAS \$34,999  
NOW \$29,999\*



2016 Sienna, V6  
Auto, FWD, White, Mileage 33,929, STK#U18-010L  
NOW \$30,499\*



2017 Tacoma DC, SR  
4-cyl. Auto, 2WD, White, Mileage 20,234,  
STK#U18-012F  
NOW \$30,999\*



2016 4Runner SR5  
V6, Auto, 4WD, Silver, Mileage 17,366  
STK#U18-027R  
NOW \$32,699\*



# SIGNATURE USED CARS



2014 Toyota Yaris, FWD  
Manual, 5-speed, 4-cyl. Auto, Gray, STK#U18-033F  
NOW \$14,999\*



2007 FJ Cruiser, V6  
Manual, 5-speed, 4-cyl. Auto, Red, Mileage 80,105, STK#U17-130T  
WAS \$17,599  
NOW \$15,799\*



2016 Prius C  
4-cyl. Hybrid, Auto, FWD, White, Mileage 21,972  
STK#U18-019R  
NOW \$15,999\*



2016 Prius C  
4-cyl. Hybrid, Auto, FWD, Blue, Mileage 17,334  
STK#U18-017R  
NOW \$16,199\*



2016 Prius C  
4-cyl. Hybrid, Auto, FWD, White, Mileage 15,130  
STK#U18-018R  
NOW \$16,299\*



2016 Prius C  
4-cyl. Auto, White, STK#U17-136L  
WAS \$16,999  
NOW \$16,499\*



2017 Yaris L Hatchback  
4-cyl. Auto, FWD, Red/Black, STK#U17-028F  
WAS \$16,999  
NOW \$16,499\*



2016 Corolla LE  
FWD, Auto, 4-DR Sedan, Red, STK#R18-006F  
WAS \$18,699  
NOW \$17,499\*



2016 Scion iM  
4-cyl. Auto, FWD, Silver, Mileage 10,372  
STK#U18-020R  
NOW \$17,799\*



2015 Corolla S Sedan  
Mileage 42,317, 4-DR, 4-cyl. Auto, FWD, Red,  
STK#R18-009F  
NOW \$17,999\*



2016 Corolla LE 4-DR sedan  
4-cyl. Auto, FWD, Green, Mileage 28,773, STK#R18-004F  
WAS \$18,999  
NOW \$18,499\*



2016 Scion iM  
4-cyl. Auto, FWD, Blue, Mileage 25,938,  
STK#U18-021R  
NOW \$18,699\*



2016 Scion iM  
4-cyl. Auto, FWD, Silver, Mileage 12,837  
STK#U18-022R  
NOW \$18,699\*



2015 Corolla S  
4-cyl. Auto, FWD, Red, Mileage 26,907  
STK#R18-011F  
NOW \$18,999\*



2017 Corolla LE  
4-cyl. Auto, FWD, Green, Mileage 28,773, STK#R18-004F  
WAS \$20,899  
NOW \$19,999\*



2015 RAV4 LE  
4-cyl. Auto, FWD, Orange, Mileage 32,690  
STK#U18-029T  
NOW \$20,699\*



2016 Prius HV  
4-cyl. Hybrid, Auto, FWD, Gray, Mileage 12,638  
STK#U18-014R  
NOW \$20,799\*



2016 Prius HV  
4-cyl. Hybrid, Auto, FWD, Dk. Blue,  
Mileage 18,002, STK#U18-016R  
NOW \$20,999\*



2016 Camry LE  
4-cyl. Auto, FWD, Silver, Mileage 24,399,  
STK#U18-028R  
NOW \$22,599\*



2016 Tacoma Access Cab Pre-Runner  
SR, 4-cyl. Auto, 2WD, White, STK#U17-130L  
WAS \$23,999  
NOW \$22,999\*



2017 RAV4 LE  
4-cyl. Auto, FWD, Bronze, Mileage 24,399  
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MCS

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students Robin Alvarez, Lynzey Green, and Hannah Laca—the finalists for the poetry contest.


Along with Fr. Arnold Bendowski, the MMB sisters were the founding mothers of the school who served as teachers and administrators when the school opened in 1952. Over the years, the MMB sisters have continued to help as teachers, facilitators for student retreats, and spiritual advocates who keep the school in their prayers.

To honor the work the MMB sisters have done, the school challenged students to reflect on the theme, “The MMB Legacy: Looking Back and Looking Forward, What Will Your Mission Be?”


“Legacy”

By ROBIN ALVAREZ

You have sailed far,  
Out into other worlds.  
To spread the word of God,



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission (“Commission”), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

**I. PRELIMINARIES:**

A. Call to Order  
B. Roll Call  
C. Adoption of Agenda  
D. Adoption of Minutes: March 15, 2018

**II. REPORTS:**

A. Report by the Chairman  
B. Report by the Executive Director

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**

A. Casino Licensee (IPI) Updates:

1. Construction Progress – Imperial Pacific Resort & Hotel (Imperial Palace)  
2. IPI Personnel – Resident Employment Objectives & CLA Annual Plan  
3. Responsible Gaming Program  
4. Compliance Committee  
5. Other Miscellaneous Matters

B. Other Matters:

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **Term Expiration:** Commissioner Justin S. Manglona and Commissioner Martin DLG. San Nicolas Term of Office with the Commission will expire on April 30, 2018.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Approval** of Regular Casino Vendor 2-Year License:

1. **Giesecke & Devrient Asia Pacific Limited.** Supplier of currency counting machines and parts. Provisional License expires on 04/26/2018.  
2. **Pacific Trading Company, Ltd.** Sales of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and tobacco products. Provisional License expires on 05/21/2018.  
3. **Atkins Kroll (Saipan), Inc.** Sales of automobiles, rental/leasing vehicles, parts and services. Provisional License expires on 04/30/2018.  
4. **P&A Corporation.** Supplier of liquefied petroleum. Provisional License expires on 04/30/2018.

B. **Notification** of Provisional Vendor License:

1. **American Sinopan, LLC:** Manpower Services. Issued on 4/2/2018 & Expires on 4/1/2019.  
2. **ATTA Illumination Tech. Project Industry Ltd.** Supplier of decorative panels, lightings, and crystal products. Issued on 03/21/2018; Expires on 03/20/2019.

C. **Notification** of Provisional Casino Key Employee (CKE) License:

• **Tsai, Lu Hou,** Senior VP for Operations Control & Improvement. Issued 04/05/18. Expires on 04/04/19.

D. **Consideration for Adoption for Public Comments** - Proposed changes to the Casino Regulations:

1. Section 175-10.1-2601(a): Definitions and §175-10.1-2605(a) Licensure and Registration Required.  
2. Section 175-10.1-040 (q): Adding in-house Counsel to the definition of "Casino Key Employee".  
3. Section 175-10.1-535: Adjusting Report Due Dates on Audited Financial Statements from 90-days to 120-days and related matters.

E. **Consideration and Adoption of:**

1. **Order 2018-002:** Designating in-house Legal Counsels as Casino Key Employees pursuant to Casino Regulation §175-10.1-040 (q).  
2. **Order 2018-003:** Increasing the required information to be provided by the casino licensee in the monthly Master Vendor List submission.

F. **Annual Election of Officers – Term:** May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019.

1. Chairman; Vice Chairman; Secretary; Treasurer; and, Media Relations/Public Affairs

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A. IPI Financial Matters  
B. Report by the CCC Audit Division  
C. Report by the Legal Counsel

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

/s/ **Juan M. Sablan**  
Chairman

For many centuries to come.

You built many churches and schools,  
To teach the children of God.  
To know his good deeds,  
You inspired many of us.

Because of your doings,  
We had our only Catholic school on island.  
We got to know you well,  
From a place on the other side of the world.

God has called you,  
To be his servants.  
That your one and only job,  
Is to teach us about our mysterious God.

It has been 90 years since your voyage,  
To travel around the world.  
We hope you will do this,  
For many centuries to come.

“Missionaries”

By LYNZEY GREEN

A community of devoted women,  
who gave up everything to travel land and sea;  
to spread the good news;  
to implant seeds of God in people; to grow beautiful human beings.

A community of loving, nice, helpful women,  
who had nothing to gain  
but helping others grow and prosper  
become stronger in their faith.

They traveled all over  
to a small island called Saipan;  
They traveled all over  
to lend a helping hand

Like a four leaf clover,  
special and rare  
they worked so hard they had no time to spare.

On March 4, 90 years ago  
Five women far from home arrived on Saipan and got right down to task.  
No time to waste; time raced  
with a new mission at hand  
they planned to do as God commanded  
to teach, to preach, to let others know,  
give young girls knowledge to grow, grow, grow!

They have made many achievements here on Saipan;  
being the building blocks of our island’s Catholic faith,  
creating institutions that still lie here today.



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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**CPA-ITB-005-18**  
**SUBMISSION DATE: APRIL 27, 2018 TIME: 4:00 P.M.**  
**“PROCUREMENT, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION**  
**OF ONE (1) ENERGY EFFICIENT COMMERCIAL**  
**AIR COOLED PACKAGE A/C UNIT AT THE**  
**BENJAMIN T. MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA**

THE BID PACKAGE IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, 2ND FLOOR, ARRIVAL BUILDING, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEGINNING APRIL 06, 2018.

BIDDERS ARE TO SUBMIT ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND TWO (2) COPIES IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED: **“ITB FOR THE PROCUREMENT, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) ENERGY EFFICIENT COMMERCIAL AIR COOLED PACKAGE A/C UNIT AT THE BENJAMIN T. MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA (ITB-005-18)”**. BIDDERS SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATIONS ALL CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROCUREMENT BEFORE FINALIZING ITS BID PRICE.

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION §40-50-1020 AND 1025 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

THE CPA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF CPA.

**CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

They were fierce, brave, dependent woman,  
their work of pilgrimage will never be forgotten;  
it holds a special place in our hearts,  
that set them apart from the rest to be the best of the best!

”Love”

By HANNAH LACAP

The love of God is what they believed in  
The love that Christ gave them  
The love that inspired them to keep moving forward

Moving everywhere, spreading the word  
Of God  
Gaining followers from around the world.  
Wanting to spread His teaching even more  
They moved to Saipan.

It was a struggle trying to stay safe.  
War and danger surrounded them.  
Dodging bullets and bombs everywhere  
They went.

Many lives were lost and some injured.  
Yet they still kept on going  
Knowing that God was still with them.

If the war couldn’t stop them  
What could?

Many years later, we students visit  
Their home to build a strong  
Relationship with God every year

And ever since then,  
We have always enjoyed our time  
With the sisters

They’ve taught us how to love  
And forgive  
They’ve taught us how to work together  
And maybe inspired some of us to  
Be like them

Their work is very important to our school  
They inspire us with the amazing deeds  
They’ve performed  
Showing us that anything is possible with the  
Help of our Lord

And that He can help  
Us with our calling to our true vocation

And ever since then,  
They’ve been one of Mount Carmel’s  
Greatest friends.



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**MVA-RFP-18-2012**  
**For: Local Public Relations and Media Services**

<b>Submission /Closing Date:</b> <b>Time:</b>	<b>May 15, 2018</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b>
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Submit sealed proposals to:

Marianas Visitors Authority  
Procurement Office  
San Jose Professional Building  
Beach Rd., San Jose  
P.O. Box 500861  
Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the Scope of Work on or after **April 16, 2018**, at the **Marianas Visitors Authority Office, San Jose Professional Building, Beach Road, San Jose, Saipan**, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Proposals submitted from individuals outside the Commonwealth must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or certified courier services by **May 15, 2018** and must be received within seven (7) working days of that date. Proposers from outside the Commonwealth must notify the MVA/ Mr. David B. Muna in writing of their intent to submit a proposal in order to receive the additional seven (7) days for the receipt of the actual Proposal Documents. Participants outside the **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** must submit a **Notice of Intent** by any mode of written communication including facsimile at +1-670-664-3237 or email to [dmuna@mymarianas.com](mailto:dmuna@mymarianas.com), and must be received by 5 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time on **May 15, 2018**.

All questions regarding this RFP must be sent to Mr. David B. Muna at [dmuna@mymarianas.com](mailto:dmuna@mymarianas.com) or faxed to +1-670-664-3237, **no later than 5 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time on April 30, 2018**.

/s/ Gloria C. Cavanagh Chairperson, Board of Directors	/s/ Christopher A. Concepcion Managing Director
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# Voter registration drive at MHS

The Commonwealth Election Commission will conduct a voter registration drive at the Marianas High School in Susupe next week in preparation for the upcoming Nov. 6 general election.

The voter registration drive will be held at MHS and D-OK Academy High School on Thursday, April 26, from 10am to 1pm.

CEC election register clerk

Robin Sablan said Wednesday that they are targeting senior students, teachers, school staff, and members of the community in that area.

"We're reaching out to private and public high schools," he said.

To register and show proof of their citizenship, potential voters should bring a copy of their birth certificate certified by the

court, a current valid U.S. passport, or naturalization documents.

CEC has been encouraging students who will be turning 18 years old on or before the Nov. 6 election to register.

Last Friday's CEC's voter registration drive at Kagman High School Library was able to attract 62 persons, most of them students. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### SSHS parent-teacher conferences

Saipan Southern High School will have its fourth quarter mid-progress parent-teacher conferences on April 27, 2018, from 3pm to 5pm on campus. (*PR*)

### KagES parent-teacher conferences

Kagman Elementary School will have its fourth quarter mid-progress parent-teacher conference on Thursday, April 26, from 3pm to 6pm on campus. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend to learn about your child's academic performance, and if she or he will need to attend the intensive summer school program. Parents who attend the children's parent-teacher conferences three or more times

during the school year will be recognized with medals and certificates at the end of the school year. For more information, call KagES at 237-3146. (*PR*)

### SCS art show and writers showcase

The Saipan Community School invites the public to its SCS Annual Art Show and Young Writers Showcase on Friday, April 27, at 6pm in the SCS chapel. Student pieces for display range in complexity from Kindergarten through 8th grade. The SCS Young Writers Workshop will be displaying written work from Kindergarten all the way through the 8th grade. To learn more about SCS, contact principal Amanda Allen Dunn, via email at [principal@saipancommunityschool.com](mailto:principal@saipancommunityschool.com), call 234-6687, or visit the school on Beach Road in Susupe. (*PR*)

### OES registration information

The Oleai Elementary School will be accepting registration for new enrollees for school year 2018-2019:

■ Kindergarten: starting on April 16, 2018

■ 1st to 5th Grade: June 11, 2018

Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30.

Registration forms are available at our main office. Documents can be submitted to the office on Mondays-Fridays between 1pm and 4:30pm. For more information or inquiry call our main office at 664-3942. (*PR*)



Eli D. Cabrera  
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Janice E. Castro  
Director, DCRM

## NOTICE TO ALL MARINE SPORTS OPERATORS IN SAIPAN, TINIAN, & ROTA

Pursuant to the recent amendments to NMIAC § 15-10, the Coastal Resources Management Rules and Regulations, the Director of the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be reissuing new Area of Particular Concern (APC) permits to all commercial marine sports operations on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The purpose for reissuing marine sports permits is to ensure such permits reflect updated terms and conditions and comply with the current requirements of NMIAC-10-205(h)(4). DCRM hereby advises all marine sports operators on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to reapply by submitting a new CRM APC permit application to DCRM on or before May 30, 2018. Any marine sports permit issued from previous years will no longer be valid effective May 31, 2018.



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## AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO.: CPA-RFP-005-18

### Wifi Service Design, Configuration, Installation, and Maintenance

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is seeking proposals from experienced and qualified Parties (hereinafter "Proposers") to design, configure, install, and maintain wireless internet service ("WIFI service") at CPA facilities on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Proposal packages can be obtained beginning **April 02, 2018, at 8:00 AM** at the CPA Administration Office, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at a fee of \$50.00 per package. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting shall be held on **April 09, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the CPA Conference Room, 2nd Floor of the Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport. Proposers who are not familiar with the Saipan International Airport shall be afforded a site visit immediately after the pre-proposal meeting. Subsequent site inspections on Rota and Tinian will be determined during the preproposal meeting. Proposers shall be responsible for arrangements and all associated cost for the subsequent site inspections on Tinian and Rota.

Proposers must submit one original and three copies of their written proposal in sealed envelopes addressed to the Executive Director, Re: "WIFI Service at CPA Facilities on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Project No. CPA-RFP-005-18," P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, which shall be received by the CPA Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport by or before **4:30 p.m., May 04, 2018**. Written proposals delivered after said time and date will not be accepted.

The proposal will be evaluated by an evaluation committee. Proposals shall be restricted to the members of the evaluation committee until after the completion of the evaluation and ranking of proposals. Following completion of the evaluation and establishment of the preference ranking based on the evaluation criteria, award shall be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined in writing to be most advantageous to CPA taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP and applied in the evaluation plan. Proposals may be prepared and opened for public inspection after award.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to cancel this request for proposal in accordance with CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations, to lengthen the proposal period, and to waive minor irregularities in proposals. Discussion may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to insure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, solicitation requirements. However, proposals may also be evaluated solely on the submitted written proposal without follow up or further discussion. All Proposers must agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the Request for Proposal and proposal package.

Nothing herein constitutes or implies a contract to enter into, accept or agree to any terms, conditions or rates, or to allow or promote any activity and in no way encumbers or obligates the CPA to enter into a contract of any kind with any Proposer.

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Executive Director



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## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR

AIRPORT GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (AGIS) SURVEY SERVICES  
BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

PROJECT NO. CPA-RA-001-18 (AIP Pending)

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Airports Geographical Information Systems (AGIS) Services for the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and CPA. This service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package.

Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant/Project Manager, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to [wprater@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:wprater@cpa.gov.mp) by no later than Friday, April 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Capability to perform all or most aspects of the services with a minimum of three (3) years' experience with AGIS and Airport Improvement Programs. (**WEIGHT 30**)
2. Ability to implement an AGIS Obstruction Survey and Airport Airspace Analysis. (**WEIGHT 20**)
3. Key personnel's professional background and successful relevant experience in AGIS projects comparable to the proposed services. (**WEIGHT 20**)
4. Demonstrated ability to meet AGIS standards, NGS requirements, and Airport Master Plan standards. (**WEIGHT 10**)
5. Ability to complete services within schedule without having major extensions, cost escalations, overruns, or disputed claims; (**WEIGHT 10**)
6. Quality of projects previously undertaken that are comparable to proposed services. (**WEIGHT 10**)

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf format of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **5:00 p.m., MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Executive Director

Date: April 3, 2018



# JKPL Community Literacy Fair



The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services participated in the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's first Community Mobile Information Literacy Fair on April 7 in Susupe.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



Volunteers distribute packed lunches during the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's first Community Mobile Information Literacy Fair on April 7.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



Various toys are displayed for purchase during the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's first Community Mobile Information Literacy Fair on April 7.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



Games like "Hoops" are offered during the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's first Community Mobile Information Literacy Fair on April 7.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



Children are taught cardio-pulmonary resuscitation by Priority Care volunteers during the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's first Community Mobile Information Literacy Fair on April 7.

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The Division of Youth Services set up an arts station during the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's first Community Mobile Information Literacy Fair on April 7.

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Parents and their children are educated on the amount of sugar found in their favorite sodas and juices during the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's first Community Mobile Information Literacy Fair on April 7.

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# Business

## Starbucks incident highlights perils of shopping while black

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—It was a surreal scene that is part of daily life for many black Americans and minorities, an everyday moment gone wrong, ending in complete humiliation.

Two black men were handcuffed and arrested at a Starbucks, setting off a national uproar after the incident was captured on video. A worker complained the men were trespassing, but they maintained they were doing what thousands of people do in the popular coffee shops across the country—waiting to meet a friend.

The exchange was a fresh reminder that, five decades after the end of legal segregation, to be black in America is to be constantly challenged in certain spaces in ways white Americans scarcely have to consider, simply to get through the day without being hassled.

The term used to describe encounters like the one at the Starbucks is “retail racism,” also known as “shopping while black.” It happens when minority customers are treated differently than white customers through a variety of indignities and slights, such as

being refused service, falsely accused of shoplifting or reported to security or police over something mundane.

“It is about a perception that black people are undesirable in a given location,” said Princeton University African-American studies professor Imani Perry. “Having to perform being non-threatening ... it’s exhausting, and it is a commonplace expectation.”

Starbucks announced Tuesday that it would close its 8,000 U.S. stores for several hours next month to conduct racial-bias training for its nearly 175,000 workers. The company—known as an inclusive and progressive workplace—has been responsive in the wake of the April 12 incident, and CEO Kevin Johnson came to Philadelphia and met with the two men who were arrested. Within hours, Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney condemned the incident, saying it “appears to exemplify what racial discrimination looks like in 2018,” and prosecutors declined to bring charges against the men.

Research and surveys show that “retail racism” remains prevalent, and many black

Americans have had their own “Starbucks moment” in establishments across the country. It’s a phenomenon not limited by race, age, or gender, affecting even billionaire Oprah Winfrey—turned away at a Paris Hermes shop in 2003—and former President Barack Obama, who spoke from the White House in the wake of the George Zimmerman acquittal in 2013 about his experiences as a younger man of being followed in stores and doors locking as he passed by.

The Starbucks encounter wasn’t shocking or surprising for black men like Ameen Akbar. Instead, it felt routine.

Bald-headed, bearded, with a Muslim name, Akbar has sensed being followed in high-end stores when he has worn a hoodie or Timberland boots to shop on weekends. He’s aware of the different look he gets in the same parking lot when he goes to work in a suit, versus showing up in more comfortable clothing.

“I’m hyper-aware of when I’m in these spaces and what that impact can be and how I say things,” said Akbar, 40, a Philadelphia native. “If you’ve been doing it for a lifetime, it becomes part of who you are.”

## US manufacturers seek relief from steel and aluminum tariffs

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rising costs. Delayed shipments. A baffling bureaucracy.

President Donald Trump’s tariffs on imported aluminum and steel are disrupting business for American companies that buy those metals, and many are pressing for relief.

Hundreds of companies are asking the Commerce Department to exempt them from the 25 percent steel tariff and the 10 percent aluminum tariff.

Other companies are weighing their options. Jody Flederman, CEO of Batesville Tool & Die in Indiana, says American steelmakers have already raised their prices since Trump’s tariffs were announced last month. Flederman says he may have to shift production to a plant in Mexico, where he can buy cheaper steel.

On Wednesday, a group of small- and medium-size manufacturers gathered in Washington to announce a new group—the Coalition of American Metal Manufacturers and Users—to fight the steel tariff.

The Trump administration last month imposed the tariffs on steel and aluminum,

arguing that reliance on imported metals posed a threat to national security. But it promptly granted temporary exemptions, which expire at the end of the month, to several key U.S. allies, including the European Union, Canada and Mexico.

Steel- and aluminum-consuming companies also can appeal to the Commerce Department for exemptions—provided they can show they can’t obtain the metals they need from U.S. producers. As of Tuesday, the department had received 2,180 requests for exemptions from the steel tariffs and 240 requests for relief from the aluminum tariffs.

One applicant, Pensmore Reinforcement Technologies of Ann Arbor, Michigan, says it can’t find the quantity and quality of the steel it needs in the United States. Pensmore makes a steel-fiber reinforcement product that goes in tunnels and bridges and that is being considered for use in Trump’s proposed U.S.-Mexico border wall.

Once the department posts the requests online, it has 90 days to reach a decision. So far, it has post-

ed only a few dozen of the more than 2,000 requests.

“It sure seems like Commerce is just drowning in exclusion requests and will struggle to burn through them,” says David Spooner, a partner at the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg and a former U.S. trade negotiator.

Commerce is reviewing the requests on a company-by-company basis instead of making across-the-board exemptions for individual steel and aluminum products. That approach means it will have to handle more applications.

It also raises the possibility that one company could receive an exemption from the tariffs while another would be forced to pay tariffs on the same product—perhaps because in the time between the two requests, domestic U.S. production has ramped up to fill shortages.

In addition, companies that want exemptions are finding that the request forms are “confusing, complex and full of traps for the unwary,” says Richard Chriss, president of the American Institute for International Steel, which opposes the tariffs.

# Nation

UNLESS NKOREA SUMMIT ‘FRUITFUL’

## Trump says he’ll pull out

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump said Wednesday that although he’s looking ahead optimistically to a historic summit meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un he could still pull out if he feels it’s “not going to be fruitful.”

Trump said that CIA Director Mike Pompeo and Kim “got along really well” in their recent secret meeting, and he declared, “We’ve never been in a position like this” to address worldwide concerns over North Korea’s nuclear weapons.

But speaking alongside Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, after the allies met at Trump’s Florida resort, he made clear that he’d still be ready to pull the plug on what is being billed as an extraordinary meeting between the leaders of longtime adversaries.

“If I think that if it’s a meeting that is not going to be fruitful we’re not going to go. If the meeting when I’m there is not fruitful I will respectfully leave the meeting,” Trump told a news conference. He also said that a U.S.-led “maximum pressure” campaign of tough economic sanctions on North Korea would continue until the isolated nation “denuclearizes.”

Abe echoed the sentiment.

## ‘That’s how she’s wired’: Pilot lauded for handling crisis

BOERNE, Texas (AP)—The Southwest Airlines pilot being lauded as a hero in a harrowing emergency landing after a passenger was partially blown out of the jet’s damaged fuselage is also being hailed for her pioneering role in a career where she has been one of the few women at the controls.

Tammie Jo Shults, one of the first female fighter pilots in the U.S. Navy, was the captain and piloting the Dallas-bound Flight 1380 when it made an emergency landing Tuesday in Philadelphia, according to her husband, Dean Shults.

One of the engines on the Boeing 737 exploded while the plane was traveling 500 mph (800 kph) at 30,000 feet (9144 m) with 149 people on board. Shrapnel hit the plane and passengers said they had to rescue a woman who was being blown out of a damaged window. The woman later died of blunt force trauma to her head, neck and torso.

Shults calmly relayed details about the crisis to air



President Donald Trump speaks to members of the media during a working lunch with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, at Trump’s private Mar-a-Lago club, Wednesday, April 18, 2018, in Palm Beach, Fla.

AP

“Just because North Korea is responding to dialogue, there should be no reward. Maximum pressure should be maintained,” he said.

Trump has said his summit with Kim, with whom he traded bitter insults and threats last year as North Korea conducted nuclear and missile tests, could take place by early June, although the venue has yet to be decided. It would be the first such leadership summit between the two nations after six decades of hostility following the Korean War.

Other than the threat posed to by North Korea’s weapons of mass destruction, another

issue overhanging the summit plans is the fate of three Americans detained there. Trump said that was under negotiation and there was a “good chance” of winning their release, but he wouldn’t say whether that was a precondition for sitting down with Kim.

Pompeo raised the question of the three Americans in his meeting with Kim, a U.S. official said.

Trump also said he had promised Abe he would work hard for the return of Japanese nationals abducted by North Korea. Tokyo says at least a dozen Japanese said to have been taken in the 1970s and 1980s remain unaccounted for.

traffic controllers, and passengers commended her handling of the situation.

Friends at Shults’ church in Boerne, Texas, about 30 miles northwest of San Antonio, said Wednesday they were not surprised after listening to the recording and reading media reports about her actions.

“Everybody is talking about Tammie Jo and how cool and calm she was in a crisis, and that’s just Tammie Jo,” Rachel Russo said. “That’s how she’s wired.”

Shults was commissioned into the Navy in 1985 and reached the rank of lieutenant commander, said Commander Ron Flanders, the spokesman for Naval Air Forces in San Diego.

Women aviators were excluded from combat missions until the month after Shults got off active duty in March 1993, but Flanders said Shults flew during Operation Desert Storm trainings as an aggressor enemy pilot.

“While we at that time had

an exclusion, she was in fact helping male pilots hone their skills,” Flanders said.

Veteran Navy combat aviator Linda Maloney said that she and Shults were among a small group of women who worked to see the combat exclusion rule repealed.

“Obviously it was frustrating,” said Maloney, who became among the first women to join a combat military flying squadron and was deployed to the Arabian Gulf. “We go through the same training that the guys do, and our hope was the Navy would allow us to fly in combat at some point.”

Shults was featured in Maloney’s book “Military Fly Moms” along with the stories and photos of 69 other women U.S. military veterans.

Russo and Staci Thompson, who has known Shults for about 20 years and was nanny to her two children when they were small, said she “loved” her military career but has alluded to frustrations and challenges that came with it.



# Asia

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Taiwan calls Chinese military drills a threat to region

**BEIJING** (AP)—Taiwan's government said Thursday that recent Chinese military drills aim to intimidate the island and are a threat to regional peace and stability. China's attempts to "pressure and harass Taiwan and seek to raise tensions between the sides and in the region," the Cabinet-level Mainland Affairs Council said on its website. "Taiwan's people are very clear about this and will not accept it. We are determined in our defense of our nation's sovereignty and dignity and will absolutely not yield to military threats or inducements," the statement said. The statement specifically referred to China's live-fire exercises off its southeast coast on Wednesday, echoing earlier comments from the defense ministry that Beijing was playing up the limited-scope war games in hopes of intimidating Taiwan for political purposes. Beijing's hostility makes "the hugest mockery" of its assertion of a spiritual connection between people of the two sides, it said. China claims Taiwan as its own territory and says the sides, which separated during the Chinese civil war in 1949, must eventually be united, by force if necessary. Chinese state media said the single-day drills off China's southeast coast featured an air unit of the People's Liberation Army ground forces. The PLA said the exercise involved the coordination of various types of armed helicopters that detected targets on the water and attacked them.

### 2,000 Kachin trapped by Myanmar fighting lack food, medicine

**BANGKOK** (AP)—Community leaders from the Christian ethnic Kachin community have called for urgent medical attention for about 2,000 civilians, including pregnant women and the elderly, trapped in the jungle where they fled to escape clashes between the Myanmar's army and the Kachin guerrillas in the country's north. The latest fighting in Kachin state's Tanai region—an area known for amber and gold mining—began in early April with government shelling and airstrikes in response to threats by the rebel Kachin Independence Army to retake lost territory. The Rev. Mung Dan, a Baptist community leader, said Wednesday the civilians trapped without medicine

or sufficient food include five pregnant women, two women who just gave birth, 93 old people, and other villagers wounded by mortar shelling. They are "in dire need of medical treatment as well as rations," he said by phone. "Even today, it's been raining the whole day in our region and these civilians do not have any shelter yet and they are suffering from sickness as well," he added. A non-governmental organization based in Kachin state has sent an open letter to the Kachin State Minister on Wednesday, asking for the permission to rescue civilians but the permission has not been granted yet. "We have been asking permission to rescue people who are trapped in the jungle and they are in a very critical condition," said Awng Ja, a member of Kachin State Women Network, which helps displaced women. "But the state minister said only if the military granted us access, we can rescue these civilians." Rights and aids groups said the Myanmar government and the military have dramatically increased restrictions on humanitarian assistance to some 100,000 displaced people. The government has denied virtually denied all access for the United Nations and other international humanitarian groups.

### Shallow Indonesia quake kills 3, damages hundreds of homes

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—A shallow earthquake in central Indonesia has killed three people and damaged more than 300 homes, disaster officials said Thursday as they declared a two-week emergency for the affected areas. Indonesia's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said the magnitude-4.4 quake that occurred Wednesday at a depth of 4 kilometers (2.4 miles) was centered about 52 kilometers (32 miles) north of Kebumen, a densely populated district of Central Java province. Central Java's Disaster Management Agency head Sarwo Pramana said the quake which was felt in many parts of the province killed two elderly people and a 13-year-old boy who were crushed by collapsing buildings. He said 21 people were hospitalized with injuries and more than 2,100 people have been evacuated to temporary shelters. The province has declared a 14-day emergency relief period. National Disaster Mitigation Agency

Sutopo Purwo said the quake damaged more than 300 houses as well as several schools and mosques. Indonesia is prone to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions due to its location along the Pacific "Ring of Fire." A powerful Indian Ocean quake and tsunami in 2004 killed 230,000 people in a dozen countries, most of them in Indonesia.

### Police arrest alleged key figure in Indonesia alcohol deaths

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—Indonesian police arrested the alleged head of a bootleg liquor empire on Wednesday following the deaths of dozens of people this month from drinking tainted alcohol. West Java police spokesman Trunoyudo Wisnu Andiko said Samsudin Simbolon was captured in a palm oil plantation in southern Sumatra. "The official announcement about him would be held on Thursday after he is interrogated," Trunoyudo said. Police said Simbolon produced bootleg liquor in the West Java district of Cicalengka, where at least 45 people have died since the beginning of April. Some 100 people have died in Indonesia this month from drinking toxic alcohol, with the deaths concentrated in West Java and the capital, Jakarta. Potentially lethal methanol can be a byproduct of home brewing.

### US could sanction Chinese officials over Xinjiang abuses

**BEIJING** (AP)—A senior U.S. official says the United States would pursue sanctions on Chinese officials involved in a sweeping security crackdown in the western region of Xinjiang if they were deemed appropriate for designation under a law targeting human rights offenders. Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Laura Stone said Wednesday that the U.S. was deeply concerned about China's detention of at least "tens of thousands" of ethnic Uighurs and other Muslims and could take action under the 2016 Global Magnitsky Act. Beijing has defended its crackdown as a "People's War on Terror." The program has swept up countless people without legal due process, including relatives of American citizens. U.S. lawmakers raised the possibility of Magnitsky Act sanctions in April, signaling growing alarm in Washington over human rights abuses in Xinjiang.

# World

## UN team fired on at alleged chemical attack site in Syria

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Assailants opened fire at a U.N. security team visiting the site of a suspected chemical weapons attack in Syria, an official said Wednesday, forcing it to retreat to its base and further delaying a fact-finding mission by outside experts to examine the claims.

Gunmen shot at the U.N. team in Douma on Tuesday and detonated an explosive, leading it to return to Damascus, said the head of the international chemical weapons watchdog, Ahmet Uzumcu. He did not identify the assailants.

Inspectors from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons have been waiting since Saturday to visit Douma, the site of the alleged April 7 attack. They were initially blocked by the Syrian government and its ally, Russia, on Monday. Then on Tuesday, the advance security team from the U.N. came under fire, compounding the delays. The OPCW inspectors have not yet been able to visit the site, and Uzumcu did not



In this Saturday, April 14, 2018 file photo, UN vehicles carrying the team of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), arrive at hotel hours after the U.S., France and Britain launched an attack on Syrian facilities for suspected chemical attack against civilians, in Damascus, Syria.

say when they would deploy.

The United Nations said more security measures were needed before the inspectors could go in. "There is still a lot of volatility in the area," U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said, adding that the U.N. security team needed to make at least another visit before the fact-finding mission could go ahead.

The town is under the protection of Russia's military police. The Russian military

said a Syrian security employee was slightly wounded in the crossfire Tuesday, but no Russian servicemen were at the site of the attack.

Journalists visiting Douma on a government-organized tour Monday did not report any security threats. The Associated Press met with residents who said they were overwhelmed by chlorine fumes on the night of the alleged attack, and lost their loved ones.

## Erdogan catches Turkey off guard by calling early elections

**ANKARA, Turkey** (AP)—President Recep Tayyip Erdogan caught Turkey off guard on Wednesday by calling early elections for June, in a move that could cement his grip on power a year ahead of schedule.

Erdogan announced that parliamentary and presidential elections, originally scheduled for November 2019 will now be held June 24, meaning that a new political system that will increase the powers of the president will take effect a year early.

Turkey is switching from a parliamentary system to a presidential one, abolishing the office of the prime minister and decreasing the powers of the parliament, following a narrowly approved referendum last year. The changes take effect with the next election.

Erdogan would be able to run for two five-year terms on top of his current term.

The strongman, who has ruled Turkey since 2003, spoke of the need for the new system to be implemented quickly in order to deal with numerous challenges ahead, including Turkey's fight against Kurdish insurgents in Syria and Iraq.

The move, however, allows the leader—criticized for his authoritarian tendencies—to capitalize on nationalist sentiment that is running high following a successful military campaign to drive out Syrian Kurdish militants from the border enclave of Afrin in northeast Syria and ahead of warnings that the economy could be foundering.

It also puts opposition parties, many of which haven't yet decided who to put forward to challenge Erdogan, at a distinct disadvantage.

"Erdogan wants to take stock of a number of developments that are in his favor," said Soner Cagaptay, Turkey researcher at the Washington Institute.

"Russia might soon force Turkey to pull out of Afrin," Cagaptay said. He wants to move forward before the negative news (on Afrin and the economy) start coming in," Cagaptay said.

"Be it the cross-border operations in Syria, or incidents of historic importance centered in Syria and Iraq, they have made it imperative for Turkey to overcome uncertainties quickly," Erdogan said, in apparent reference to the aspi-

rations for independence by Kurds in both countries.

Erdogan said: "Switching to a new system of government has increasingly gained urgency so that decisions regarding our country's future can be made and implemented with greater strength."

Erdogan announced the early elections after a meeting with Devlet Bahceli, the leader of Turkey's main nationalist party, MHP, who made a surprise call for early elections citing efforts by unnamed circles to foment chaos in Turkey. The MHP has agreed to an election alliance with Erdogan's ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP.

Erdogan, who has moved to further tighten his grip on power since a failed coup attempt in 2016, needs a 51-percent majority to be re-elected in the first round of the presidential election.

The decision to hold early polls comes a month after the AKP, with the help of the nationalist party, changed electoral laws that, among other things, paves the way for government employees to monitor ballot boxes, reducing independent monitoring of the polls.



# Off The Wall

## 420’s long, strange trip to being pot holiday began in California

**SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP)—**Friday is April 20, or 4/20. That’s the numerical code for marijuana’s high holiday, a homage to pot’s enduring appeal and universal slang for smoking.

Festivities are planned worldwide, culminating with a synchronized smoke at 4:20 p.m.

How the marijuana-loving world came to mark the occasion is believed traceable to five Northern California men now in their 60s with bad backs and graying hair. They are the unofficial grandmasters by virtue of the code they created nearly 50 years ago as students at a suburban San Francisco high school in 1971.

“We thought it was a joke then,” said David Reddix, a filmmaker and retired CNN cameraman. “We still do.”

Reddix and his four buddies - Steve Capper, Larry Schwartz, Jeff Noel and Mark Gravich - were a stoner clique who hung out at a particular wall between classes at San Rafael High School. They dubbed themselves “The Waldos,” a term coined by comedian Buddy Hackett to describe odd people.

One fall afternoon in 1971 a non-Waldo classmate came to the wall with an intriguing tale and a crudely drawn map.

The map purported to show the location of a marijuana garden in the forest of nearby Point Reyes National Seashore. The classmate said the pot patch belonged to his brother-in-law, a Coast Guard reservist stationed at Point Reyes.

The classmate explained his brother-in-law, paranoid of exposure and washing out of the reserves, was renouncing ownership of the garden. He handed Capper the map and said The Waldos were welcome to the marijuana.

The five excited friends made plans to find the weed after school and decided to meet in front of the school’s statue of Louis Pasteur at 4:20 p.m., when two of them finished football practice.

They piled into Capper’s 1966 Chevy Impala, popped in a Grateful Dead 8-track tape and passed around joints as they drove the 45 minutes to the coast.

The five, now firmly middle-class fathers dressed in Polo shirts and khaki pants, laugh about tumbling out of a marijuana smoke-filled car when they arrived at their destination.

“It was straight of a Cheech and Chong movie,”



In this Friday, April 13, 2018, photo, the Waldos, from left, Mark Gravich, Larry Schwartz, Dave Reddix, Jeffrey Noel and Steve Capper sit on a wall they used to frequent at San Rafael High School in San Rafael, Calif. AP

Schwartz said.

They didn’t find the patch that day, but vowed to keep searching. They would pass in the halls and whisper “420 Louis” to each other if a new attempt was planned, indicating they should meet at 4:20 p.m. at the Pasteur statue.

The patch was never found. “We were probably too stoned,” Schwartz said.

But the “420 Louis” stuck as code for “let’s get high at the statue after school.” Soon after, it was shortened to simply 420 and meant “let’s get high anywhere.”

There were myriad reasons for the teens to speak in code about smoking marijuana in 1971. Marijuana’s growing social tolerance was still decades away and people were receiving stiff prison sentences after being caught with even small amounts.

Another big reason: Noel’s father was a narcotics agent for the California Department of Justice.

“He had an inkling we smoked,” Noel said. “But I don’t think he ever caught on to 420.”

The five Waldos never moved far away and all remain close. Gravich’s youngest daughter attends his alma mater and his oldest daughter is a recent graduate. Both say they’ve long been aware of their father’s involvement in creating 420.

“The kids here think it’s pretty cool,” said Julia Gravich, a sophomore.

The code remained confined to The Waldos’ social circle until they began hanging out backstage at Grateful Dead concerts. Reddix’s older brother was friends with band member Phil Lesh and that led to backstage passes and smoking sessions with the roadies and other crew members, who picked up the code.

The number really took off in the late 1980s when flyers

were circulated at Dead concerts proclaiming 420 to be the password of stoner culture. The flyers went on to explain that 420 was California police code for marijuana smoking in progress. It’s not, but that and other origin stories continue to circulate to the point that Capper and Reddix have committed themselves to preserving as much proof as they can that they are the originators.

They tracked down the Coast Guard reservist to record his recollections confirming he grew a marijuana garden and drew the map that launched the treasure hunt. With his permission, they obtained his Coast Guard records, which show him stationed at Point Reyes at the appropriate time.

They keep those records in a rented safe deposit box in a San Francisco bank where they also store other documentation, including postmarked letters they exchanged in the mid-1970s discussing 420. The San Francisco bank’s address, as it happens, is 420 Montgomery Street.

The Oxford English Dictionary added 420 to its lexicon last year after reviewing the Waldos’ records and credits the men as the creators.

Millions of dollars have been made over the years exploiting the number, from T-shirts and hats to cannabis businesses with 420 in their names. Hotels and tour companies advertise themselves as “420 friendly” and dating sites contain listings for people “420 compatible.”

Though dozens of 420-related trademarks have been issued to various companies, The Waldos hold only one.

But they are starting to cash in, if only a little.

Lagunitas Brewing Co. in nearby Petaluma is set to release its seasonal “The Waldos Special Ale” on April 20. The brewery has given the five lifetime passes for free beer.

# Science & Technology

## Amazon Prime has 100M members

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—**Amazon has persuaded more than 100 million shoppers to subscribe to its Prime service that offers free two-day shipping and other perks that help bind people to the company and its ever-expanding empire.

CEO Jeff Bezos quantified the size of Amazon’s Prime membership for the first time Wednesday in his annual letter to the Seattle company’s shareholders. Before Bezos’ revelation, analysts had been left to guess how many people had been willing to pay \$99 per year for the Prime service, which Amazon launched 13 years ago as a way to foster customer loyalty.

The scope of Prime’s success stunned even the most optimistic of analysts, such as GBH Insights’ Daniel Ives. He had previously estimated Amazon had 92 million Prime subscribers.

“It’s a mind-boggling number that serves as a key barometer to how big Amazon’s kingdom has be-

come,” Ives said.

Costco has been selling annual memberships to get bargains on goods stocked in its warehouses for decades, and already been

outdone by Amazon’s Prime service. Costco has 50.4 million memberships that allow 92 million cardholders to shop in its warehouse and website.

## Facebook adds privacy settings to comply with European regulation

**LONDON (AP)—**Facebook is enhancing privacy safeguards for users around the world as it complies with new European rules designed to make it easier for consumers to give and withdraw consent for the use of their data.

Facebook is introducing the new policies this week in Europe, but eventually everyone on the social network will be asked to decide whether they want to enable features like facial recognition and some types of targeted advertising, the company said in a blog post.

“Everyone—no matter where they live—will be asked to review important information about how Facebook uses data and

make choices about their privacy on Facebook,” the company said in a blog post. “We’ll begin by rolling these choices out in Europe this week.”

The announcement comes as Facebook struggles with the fallout from revelations that a data analytics firm misused personal information from as many as 87 million Facebook accounts to help Donald Trump’s 2016 presidential campaign. The European Union next month will begin enforcing its new General Data Protection Regulation, which explicitly applies to any company that uses the data of EU residents, no matter where it is based.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

# Estanislao Aguon Songao

*“Stanley / Lau”*  
October 2, 1941 – April 17, 2018

**In his new life, he now joins his:**

**Parents:** †Fridolin DLG. Songao & †Esperanza A. Songao  
**Parents in law:** †Jose C. Camacho & †Veronica L. Camacho  
**Daughter:** †Magdalena Carmen C. Songao  
**Grandson:** †Joey Roque L. Songao Jr.  
**Great Grandson:** †Kyle John O. Aguon  
**Son in law:** †Edwardo F. Babauta  
**Sister, Brothers & Sisters in law:** †Maria S. Santos & †Jesus Santos, †Donicio Camacho, †Ermito Camu, †Maria L. Camacho, †Carmen C. & †Angel Atalig

**Lau was survived by his:**

**Wife:** Margarita C. Songao  
**Children:** Barbara C. Babauta/Family  
Maria Pilar C. Songao & Daniel Ogo/Family  
Rosabell S. Angui & Henry Norman Angui/Family  
Jessica S. Burnette & Andrew Burnette/Family  
Laura Ann C. Songao & Ray Fital/Family  
Veronica C. Songao & Franky Hocog/Family  
Joey Roque C. Songao & Marissa Lizama/Family  
Joseph C. Atalig & Melinda Atalig/Family

**Reared son:** Merced S. & †Donicio Camacho/Family  
**Sisters, brother, and in laws:** Maria S. & †Jesus Santos/Family  
Margarita S. & †Ermito Camu/Family  
Ignacio A. & Ramona Songao/Family  
†Carmen C. & †Angel Atalig/Family  
Robert Allan Lizama & Annie Lizama/Family  
Susan Tudor

**Special Nurse:** Susan Tudor

Lau is also survived by numerous grands, great grands, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren, relatives and friends.

Daily masses is being said at Kristo Rai Church, Garapan at 6:00 a.m.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. His remains will be escorted from CHCC morgue/Chapel at 7:30 a.m. to Kristo Rai Church. Responso service will be at 8:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by Interment Services at Tanapag Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase!  
Please join us in Prayers.  
**Margarita C. Songao**  
Children & Family



# Life & Style

## First Saudi cinema opens with popcorn and 'Black Panther'

**RIYADH, Saudi Arabia** (AP)—The lights dimmed and the crowd of men and women erupted into applause and hoots Wednesday evening as Hollywood's blockbuster "Black Panther" premiered in Saudi Arabia's first movie theater.

Though it was a private, invitation-only screening, for many Saudis it marked one of the clearest moments of change to sweep the country in decades. It's seen as part of a new era in which women will soon be allowed to drive and people in the kingdom will be able to go to concerts and fashion shows, and tuck into a bucket of popcorn in a cinema.

"It's a new era, a new age. It's that simple. Things are changing, progress is happening. We're opening up and we're catching up with everything that's happening in the world," said Rahaf Alhendi, who attended the showing.

Authorities said the public would be able to purchase tickets online Thursday for showings starting Friday. But there may be delays.

Movies screened in Saudi cinemas will be subject to approval by government censors, and Wednesday night's premiere was no exception. Scenes of violence were not cut, but a final scene involving a kiss was axed.

Still, it's a stark reversal for a country where public movie screenings were banned in the 1980s during a wave of ultraconservatism that swept Saudi Arabia. Many Saudi clerics view Western movies and even Arabic films made in



Visitors attend a cinema theatre during an invitation-only screening, at the King Abdullah Financial District Theater, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

Egypt and Lebanon as sinful.

Despite decades of ultra-conservative dogma, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has pushed through a number of major social reforms with support from his father, King Salman, to satiate the desires of the country's majority young population.

"This is a historic day for your country," Adam Aron, CEO of AMC Entertainment, told the crowd at the screening. "It's been about 37 years since you've been able to watch movies the way movies are meant to be watched in a theater, together on a big screen."

U.S.-based AMC, one of the world's biggest movie theater operators, only two weeks earlier signed a deal with Prince Mohammed to operate the

first cinema in the kingdom. AMC and its local partner hurriedly transformed a concert hall in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, into a cinema complex for Wednesday's screening.

Aron said the company plans to rip out the current concert-style seats and replace them with plush leather recliners and build three more screens in the complex to accommodate up to 5,000 movie-goers a day.

Samer Alsourani traveled from Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province for the event. He commended the crown prince for following through on his promises to modernize the country.

"This is the first time that we really see something that's really being materialized," he said.

The social reforms undertaken by the 32-year-old heir to the throne are part of his so-called Vision 2030, a blueprint for Saudi Arabia that aims to boost local spending and create jobs amid sustained lower oil prices.

The Saudi government projects that the opening of movie theaters will contribute more than 90 billion riyals (\$24 billion) to the economy and create more than 30,000 jobs by 2030. The kingdom says there will be 300 cinemas with around 2,000 screens built by 2030.

AMC has partnered with a subsidiary of Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, known as the Public Investment Fund, to build up to 40 AMC cinemas across the country over the next five years.

## Ex-Playboy model settles lawsuit over alleged Trump affair

**LOS ANGELES** (AP) — A former Playboy model who said she had a 10-month affair with President Donald Trump settled her lawsuit Wednesday with a supermarket tabloid over an agreement that prohibited her from discussing the relationship publicly.

Karen McDougal's settlement with the company that owns the National Enquirer "restores to me the rights to my life story and frees me from this contract that I was misled into signing nearly two years ago," she said in a statement Wednesday.

In August 2016, the tabloid's parent company, American Media Inc., paid McDougal \$150,000 for the rights to her story about the alleged relationship, but the story never ran.

Last month, McDougal filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles asking to invalidate the contract, which she said she was misled into signing. The suit alleged that the company didn't publish the story because AMI's owner, David Pecker, is "close personal friends" with Trump. It also charged that Trump's attorney, Michael Cohen, had inappropriately intervened and was secretly involved in discussions with AMI executives about the agreement.

Federal agents raided Cohen's office and residence last week seeking any information on payments made in 2016 to McDougal and

porn actress Stormy Daniels, according to people familiar with the investigation but not authorized to discuss it publicly. Daniels has said she had a sexual encounter with Trump in 2006. The search warrants also sought bank records, records on Cohen's dealings in the taxi industry and his communications with the Trump campaign, the people said.

Under the settlement agreement, McDougal can keep the \$150,000 she was paid and AMI has the rights to up to \$75,000 for any future profits from her story about the relationship. The company also retains the rights to photographs of McDougal that it already has, the settlement said.

AMI had argued McDougal had been allowed to speak about her relationship since 2016 and the contract gave the company discretion over whether to publish the story.

In an interview with CNN that aired last month, McDougal said Trump tried to pay her after their first sexual tryst at a bungalow at the Beverly Hills Hotel in 2006. McDougal said she continued the relationship with Trump for about 10 months and broke it off in April 2007 because she felt guilty.

The White House has said Trump denies having an affair with McDougal. Trump married his current wife, Melania Trump, in 2005, and their son, Barron, was born in 2006.

## Age is a barrier to daughter joining mom's social club

**DEAR ABBY:** I am part of a small social ladies group. The eight of us range in age from mid-50s to late-60s. We get together once a month for lunch, a movie, dinner, shopping, etc. I look forward to it, and we always have a good time.

Recently, we lost a few members due to relocating, and the subject came up about trying to get a few more women interested in joining us. When I mentioned it to my daughter, who is in her early 30s, she got very excited and wants to join. When I approached the group about it, they were dead set against it, which surprised me. They feel it would change the atmosphere of the group because of the age difference.

I haven't told my daughter yet because I know her feelings will be hurt. Now I'm torn about whether to continue with this group of ladies, since I'm upset that my daughter will be excluded for a reason I consider to be trivial. Some of the ladies have never even met her. There have never been any "rules" discussed about who wouldn't be accepted.

I don't know how to proceed with this. Our next get-together is coming up soon, and I'm stressed as to how to handle it. Help!

SOCIAL LADY IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR SOCIAL LADY:** The way to handle it is to explain to your daughter that the other members of the group

prefer socializing with women their own age, which is why she won't be invited to join them. Explain that it isn't personal, that they might not feel comfortable discussing issues in front of her that she has yet to face.

Because your daughter has time on her hands, encourage her to consider volunteering or joining a social group of contemporaries, and if you still feel as upset as you do about this group, ask if she'd mind if you joined her.

**DEAR ABBY:** "Russ," my partner of 33 years, passed away nine months ago. Needless to say, it has been a tough time for me. I had a close relationship with his sister, who lives down the street. She and her husband were very supportive after Russ' death.

Russ' sister knows me only within the context of being her brother's husband. Now that he's gone, and I'm back to being a single gay man, how do I set boundaries without offending her? She's always asking where I'm going, what I'm doing, what I have been doing and who I'm going with. It's making me very uncomfortable because I don't think it's any of her business.

I refrain from discussing my private life with her, but she doesn't seem to be getting the message. I don't want to offend her since she's been so good to me, but at the same time, I need my privacy.

SINGLE AGAIN

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR SINGLE:** Could you be feeling guilty for deciding to start a new phase in your life? (You shouldn't, because it's normal and natural.) Russ' sister isn't some stranger who is trying to pry. She probably regards you as her surrogate brother. These are questions she would ask Russ if he had lived and you had passed away.

Please try to be less sensitive when she shows an interest. However, if that's not possible, you will have to level with her about how her questions make you feel.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



# Pastimes

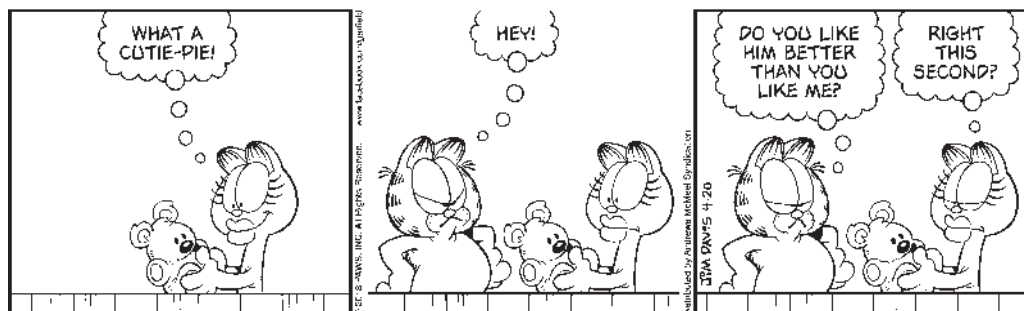
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By Bill Waterson



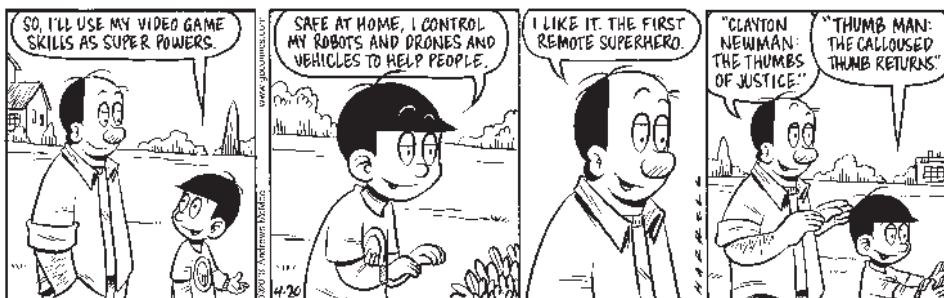
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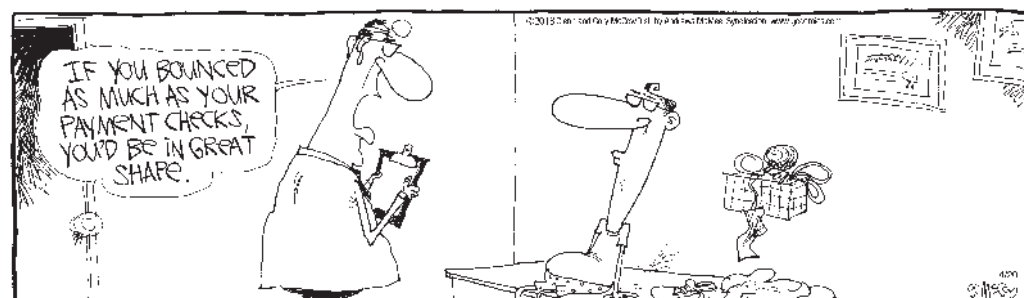
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By Bryan Basset



## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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<b>17</b> Takeout order?	<b>51</b> "Das Lied von der —"	<b>7</b> Squirms	<b>29</b> Wall climber
<b>18</b> Like grams	<b>52</b> Historic period	<b>8</b> Goody treat	<b>32</b> Board member
<b>19</b> Band's booking	<b>53</b> Calendar span	<b>9</b> Chemical suffix	<b>33</b> Pigs
<b>21</b> Packed away	<b>54</b> Yale students	<b>10</b> Up to	<b>35</b> New Deal pres.
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<b>26</b> Waste time			<b>38</b> Fossil resin
<b>29</b> "— show-time!"			<b>39</b> — Gras
<b>30</b> Nest egg acronym			<b>42</b> Idyllic place
<b>31</b> Eve's grandson			<b>43</b> Mystique
<b>32</b> Big-screen buys			<b>44</b> Pesky email
<b>33</b> Whirl			<b>45</b> Bashful
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Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 4-20

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## CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

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**Happy Birthday:** Plan your actions and follow through with those plans. Your ability to persuade others to see things your way will help you get ahead this year. A steady pace and a goal will lead to victory as well as open up a window to adventures you never thought possible. Stop relying on others; trust and believe in yourself. Your numbers are 7, 18, 24, 35, 38, 41, 49.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): A secretive approach to what you want to accomplish will make it easier for you to follow suit.

Decline an invitation to get into a debate with someone with more experience. Wait for the right opportunity to make your move. \*\*\*\*

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Listen to what others have to say, but consider whether what they are doing is what's best for you. Sensitive issues should be handled with caution. Look at every angle and option you are given before you make a decision. \*\*\*

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You'll have a change of heart as you gather information. Slow down and absorb what's going on before you make a final decision regarding legal, financial or medical matters. Knowledge is your best defense against making a questionable choice. \*\*\*

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Moodiness is not becoming. Make a concerted effort to devote more time and energy to positive behavior and getting along with others. Personal changes will make you feel good and give you a

sense of comfort and added confidence. \*\*\*

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): An emotional matter will surface if you deal with a friend or relative who wants something from you. Protect against loss by presenting alternative ideas to those looking for a handout. Too much of anything will result in regret. \*\*\*

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Open up about the way you feel to the people you care about most. A change will encourage you to pick up new skills or information that will boost your earning potential. If you have something to say, speak up. \*\*\*\*

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll face difficulties when dealing with older or younger family members. Your decisions will not be accepted, causing problems within important relationships. Share specific information to gain support. A positive attitude will encourage the assistance required to follow through with your plans. \*\*

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your due diligence will pay off and give you a chance to move forward at your own speed. Taking care of matters that could have stood in your way will relieve stress. A short trip or romantic gesture is encouraged. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional issues will not go away if you ignore them. Mull over the relationship problems you face and consider the best way to deal with the people who bring you down or hold you back. Choose your friends wisely. \*\*\*

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be prone to making rash decisions that will take others by surprise. Before you take action, look at the pros and cons along with the consequences that are likely to unfold. Be true to yourself but also fair to others. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Attend a conference or networking function that is conducive to finding a way to bring in more cash. Think about what you enjoy doing most or consider a service you can offer that is needed in your community, then initiate your plan. \*\*\*\*\*

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): A change at home will take you by surprise. Step back from anyone who appears to be irrational or unwilling to compromise. You may need someone to be a buffer to avoid being mistreated. Protect against insult or injury. \*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are sensitive, perceptive and excitable. You are popular and fashionable.

(To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit [Eugenialast.com](http://Eugenialast.com), or join Eugenia on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.)

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

4/20

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

9	4	7	5	1	8	2	3	6
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7	9	3	2	8	1	6	4	5
5	1	4	6	7	2	9	8	3
2	7	6	8	3	9	5	1	4
3	8	9	1	5	4	7	6	2

Difficulty Level: ★★

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

ENJOYING LAKSA

Solution: 6 letters

A	N	A	K	A	N	A	R	E	P	O	T	A	T	O
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Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, April 27, 2018, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- The Estate of GABRIEL D. DELA CRUZ and ROSA M. DELA CRUZ, Defendants. ) CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0131

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 18-031

Opening Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018  
Closing Date: Monday, April 30, 2018

DIRECT RESPONSIBLE CHARGE OPERATOR  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT LEVEL 2 CERTIFIED  
Re-announcement

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**POSITIONS:** One (1)  
**CONTRACT:** Two (2) years, Subject to renewal

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Re-announcement # JVA18-26  
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SAIPAN

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CNMI COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LAND USE PLAN UPDATE FOR ROTA, TINIAN, SAIPAN, AND THE NORTHERN ISLANDS

A PROJECT UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS

The Department of Public Lands (DPL) has retained SSFM CNMI along with their sub-consultant, Chris Hart & Partners, Inc., to update the CNMI's Public Land Use Plan in order to satisfy Public Law 15-02. This effort is intended to incorporate the public's interests, the needs of government agencies, and groups representing commercial interests.


The first set of public hearings for this project occurred during the week of September 18 to September 21, 2017. The second set of public hearings regarding the CNMI Comprehensive Public Land Use Plan Update for Rota, Tinian, Saipan, and the Northern Islands have been scheduled for each municipality as follows:

1) Municipality of Rota	4) Municipality of Saipan - 2
a. Date – Monday, May 7, 2018	a. Date – Thursday, May 10, 2018
b. Time – 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	b. Time – 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
c. Location – Rota Mayor's Office Conference Hall	c. Location – Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School Cafeteria
2) Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan	5) Municipality of Saipan - 3
a. Date – Tuesday, May 8, 2018	a. Date – Friday, May 11, 2018
b. Time – 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	b. Time – 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM
c. Location – Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria	c. Location – Fiesta Resort's Hibiscus Hall, Garapan
3) Municipality of Saipan - 1	6) Municipality of the Northern Islands
a. Date – Wednesday, May 9, 2018	a. Date – Friday, May 11, 2018
b. Time – 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	b. Time – 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
c. Location – Hopwood Middle School Cafeteria	c. Location – Northern Islands Mayor's Office, Bldg. 1345, Capitol Hill

Comments on the Comprehensive Public Land Use Plan Update may be submitted orally or in writing at any of the scheduled public hearings. Persons unable to attend, including off-island residents, may fill out an online stakeholder survey form or view the current draft available on DPL's website at <http://www.dpl.gov.mp/land-use-plan-resources/>. You may also email your comments directly to [rreyes@ssfmcnmilc.com](mailto:rreyes@ssfmcnmilc.com) or [jhart@chpmaui.com](mailto:jhart@chpmaui.com) to ensure that your interests are heard and considered. After the public hearings, all comments and feedback from this second round of public hearings will be compiled for incorporation into the final draft of the updated public land use plan. Therefore, the public is encouraged to attend any of the scheduled public hearings and provide comment.

There will be a final Public Involvement Program Meeting to present the final draft of the updated public land use plan. The tentative timeframe is mid-July 2018.

If you have any questions regarding the public hearings, please contact SSFM CNMI at (670) 233-7770.



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- ✓ Two (2) years of experience that demonstrates a thorough understanding of the principles and practices of the work in protection and advocacy systems or other related fields.

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested applicants may pick up a complete job description and application forms at the NMPASI office located on middle road approximately 100 yards north of the Gualo Rai traffic light intersection. Completed application packets must be submitted to the NMPASI Executive Director at the NMPASI Office. In order for applications to be considered they must include (1) a Cover Letter, (2) a Resumé, (3) Completed Application forms. Incomplete applications and/or applications which do not demonstrate that the applicant meets minimum qualifications as listed above or do not meet the deadline for submittal will not be considered. For further information, please feel free to contact Mr. James Rayphand at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / 235-7278[tty] or email at [jrayphand@nmpasi.org](mailto:jrayphand@nmpasi.org). NMPASI is an EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION WILL BE ON APRIL 27, 2018 AT 5PM.

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# Mets rally for 9 runs in 8th to stun Nationals



**NEW YORK**  
(AP)—Six

outs from getting swept at home by Washington, the New York Mets stunned their NL East rivals with a nine-run rally instead.

Yoenis Cespedes launched a grand slam for his second key hit of the eighth inning, capping a colossal outburst that propelled the Mets past the Nationals 11-5 on Wednesday night and prevented a three-game sweep.

"We just went out and took it," manager Mickey Callaway said.

Todd Frazier tied it at 4 with a two-run single and pinch-hitter Juan Lagares put New York ahead for the first time with a two-run double off ineffective setup man Ryan Madison (0-2), who was pitching for the third night in a row and fourth time in five games.

"I think I had about five or 10 good bullets in there. The ball started getting away from me after that. I kind of emptied the tank the night before," Madison said. "But I signed up for it."

The right-hander has made 11 relief appearances already this season.

"Madson's our guy," Nationals manager Dave Martinez said. "I'm going to put him out there. It just didn't work out today."

Shut down by Tanner Roark for seven innings, the first-place Mets broke loose in the eighth and improved to 13-4 with a stirring victory.

"It's important to not let them sweep us," Cespedes said through a translator.

## Twins 2, Indians 1

In San Juan, Eddie Rosario scored the winning run



AP  
New York Mets starting pitcher Zack Wheeler winds up during the first inning of the team's baseball game against the Washington Nationals, on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, in New York.

of left fielder Hernan Perez.

Zach Davies (1-2) allowed three hits over 6 1/3 innings to win for the first time in four starts this season, and Eric Thames hit a two-run homer.

## Blue Jays 15, Royals 5

In Toronto, Teoscar Hernandez had four hits, including a two-run homer, and Toronto routed Kansas City to complete a three-game sweep.

Toronto (12-5) is off to its best start since 2009. Kansas City (3-13) has lost eight in a row.

## Braves 7, Phillies 3

In Atlanta, Ryan Flaherty homered and drove in four runs, Brandon McCarthy out-pitched Vince Velasquez and Atlanta beat Philadelphia.

McCarthy (3-0) allowed one run and five hits in 5 1/3 innings.

## Rays 4, Rangers 2

In St. Petersburg, Jake Faria won for the first time since last July 25, allowing one run over six innings to lead Tampa Bay over Cole Hamels and Texas.

Faria (1-1) struck out six and walked one. He had been 0-4 in eight starts and two relief appearances since beating Baltimore.

## Pirates 10, Rockies 2

In Pittsburgh, Sean Rodriguez hit a two-run homer that backed Chad Kuhl and helped Pittsburgh avoid a three-game sweep.

Josh Bell drove in three runs and David Freese added a two-run double as Pittsburgh improved to 8-0 in day games.

in his homeland in the 16th inning, coming around on Ryan LaMarre's single to lift the Minnesota Twins over the Cleveland Indians 2-1 on Wednesday night for a split of their two-game series in Puerto Rico.

Rosario led off the 16th with a single and went to third when Logan Morrison's grounder—which could have been a double-play ball—got past second baseman Jason Kipnis.

## Red Sox 9, Angels 0

In Anaheim, Rafael Devers hit his first career grand slam, Rick Porcello threw six scoreless innings and Boston extended its best start in franchise history.

Mitch Moreland had four RBI, including a two-run homer in the ninth, and J.D. Martinez hit a solo shot in the seventh to help the Red Sox to their sixth consecutive win. Boston is 15-1 since losing on opening day.

## Dodgers 13, Padres 4

In San Diego, Corey Seager had four hits and three RBI, Kenta Maeda struck out 10 and the Dodgers completed a three-game sweep.

Maeda (2-1) allowed four runs and eight hits over 5 2/3 innings in his longest outing of the season.

## Athletics 12, White Sox 11, 14 innings

In Oakland, Matt Olson sin-

gled in Marcus Semien with two outs in the 14th inning, lifting Oakland to the wild victory.

The A's trailed 6-1, 9-4 and 10-8, then gave up a tying run in the ninth before scoring the winning run off James Shields (1-1) five innings later.

## Giants 4, Diamondbacks 3, 10 innings

In Phoenix, Brandon Belt hit a two-run homer with two out in the 10th inning, helping San Francisco stop a four-game slide.

Andrew McCutchen opened the 10th with a single against Brad Boxberger (0-1).

## Tigers 6, Orioles 5

In Detroit, Dixon Machado led off the bottom of the ninth with a home run, capping a wild final two innings and lifting Detroit to the win.

Detroit led 2-1 before each team scored three runs in the

eighth and one in the ninth. Baltimore's Luis Sardinas tied it with a solo shot off Shane Greene (1-0) in the top of the ninth, but then Machado hit a line drive off Pedro Araujo (1-2) that cleared the fence in left field for only the second homer of the infielder's big league career.

## Astros 7, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Gerrit Cole pitched seven strong innings and Houston broke it open with six runs in the seventh.

Cole (2-0) struck out five, ending a string of double-digit strikeout games at three. He was charged with an unearned run and five hits.

## Brewers 2, Reds 0

In Milwaukee, center fielder Christian Yelich returned from the disabled list and made a snazzy sliding catch on a fly ball that deflected off the glove

## Cardinals provide no hints as NFL Draft approaches



**TEMPE** (AP)—A lot was said, but at the same time, nothing was said.

Eight days ahead of the 2018 NFL Draft, the Arizona Cardinals' decision-makers met the media. It's an annual occurrence, and just like in previous years no one was willing to tip their hand.

"It's that time of year, and the misinformation is flowing. I don't expect the next 20 minutes to be any different," general manager Steve Keim joked.

Keim and head coach Steve Wilks fielded 36 questions during what was a 23-and-a-half minute press conference.

The consensus: The draft is deep at several positions and there is good talent available in the middle-to-late rounds. The trick, of course, is landing that talent.

To that end, the Cardinals have done their homework.

"Right now, there's a little

under 5,000 reports in total that have been written between our coaching and our scouting staff, just a shade under 2,000 players have been written (about)," Keim said. "So, we've left no stone unturned from big schools to small schools, and we've certainly searched high and low."

For Keim, this is his sixth draft as general manager but the first with Wilks and his staff.

Both talked about how well the pre-draft process has gone, with neither able to come up with a player evaluation they've disagreed about.

"And if we did, I wouldn't tell you," Keim said, smiling.

The Cardinals go into next week's draft with eight picks, four among the first 100 selections. Armed with many picks gives the Cardinals options, including making trades.

Under Keim, the Cardinals have been involved in eight draft-day trades, including three last year.

"No. 1, to trade up, you have to find a partner. No. 2, what player's on the board when that team is willing to trade? If it's a dynamic player at that position that is a game-changer, they're not going to take anything short of the mortgage for the house, the farm and everything to come," Keim said. "It's an inexact science, and really, at the end of the day, you can throw the trade chart off your desk, because you have to be willing to be able to give up what you're comfortable with."

No question the Cardinals have needs to fill—"We're looking to improve across the board," Wilks said—with much of the outside focus centered on the quarterback. It's a position the team has overlooked in recent years, at least in terms of the draft.

The Cardinals haven't drafted a quarterback in any of the first three rounds since selecting Matt Leinart with the 10th overall pick in 2006.

## Pogba, other stars to leave Manchester United

**ENGLAND** (AP)—Manchester United are reportedly ready to let Paul Pogba leave this summer.

According to multiple reports, the French midfielder will be sold after this season as he continues to clash with manager Jose Mourinho.

Pogba, 25, has only completed 90 minutes in four of his last 11 games for United and was subbed in the second half of their shock home defeat against West Brom on Sunday, although Mourinho insisted that was because he was on a yellow card and he didn't want to go down to 10-men.

Yet this situation between Pogba and Mourinho has been unraveling for some time as the former was left out of plenty of United squads,

then Pep Guardiola revealed recently that Man City were offered the chance to buy Pogba in January, around the same time he was dropped by Mourinho in place of youngster Scott McTominay.

Things have deteriorated quickly for the club-record \$130 million signing as he started the season superbly but then injury and a loss of form derailed his campaign. It now seems like Mourinho is ready to move on from Pogba.

As for some of United's other stars, it is believed that Anthony Martial, Daley Blind and Matteo Darmian will all be sold this summer as Mourinho wants a huge clearance as he tries to close

the gap on Manchester City who wrapped up the PL title on Sunday.

Looking ahead to United's clash at Bournemouth on Wednesday as their battle for second

place rumbles on—United are four points ahead of fourth-place Tottenham and one point ahead of third-place Liverpool —Mourinho said it is an audition for players to be starters for their huge FA Cup semifinal against Spurs at Wembley on Saturday.

"If I play someone against Bournemouth and he is phenomenal, he plays the semi-finals," Mourinho said. "The word is not rotation. This is an opportunity for some people to play and to try to get a place in the team."





# LeBron scores 46, Cavs even series with Pacers



**CLEVELAND** (AP)—The situation was dire, requiring playoff dominance. LeBron James delivered.

No surprise there.

Taking matters into his own hands, James scored 46 points and added 12 rebounds as the Cleveland Cavaliers bounced back from a poor performance in the series opener by holding off the Indiana Pacers 100-97 on Wednesday night to even their Eastern Conference playoff matchup at one game apiece.

Dazzling from the start, James scored the game's first 16 points and had 29 at half-time, ruling the floor as he has done in so many previous postseasons.

"Coach Lue called up the first play for me and it went down," James said. "So we went back to it. I was able to hit another one. And it just felt like I was in a really good rhythm, so I just tried to see how long I could stay in that zone and try to make a mark on the game early on."

"I played my game," he said.

But in a season in which nothing has been easy for the Cavs, Cleveland was lucky that Indiana's Victor Oladipo missed a wide-open 3-pointer that would have tied it with 27 seconds left.

"I got a clean look, I shot and I just missed," Oladipo said, shrugging his shoulders. "If I had that look again, I would take it every time."

Kevin Love scored 15, but Cleveland's All-Star center jammed his left thumb—the same hand he broke earlier this season—while deflecting a pass and sat out the final 3:43 left with the Cavs clinging to a



slim lead. Lue said Love could have returned and "he's fine" for Game 3 on Friday.

As long as James is OK, the Cavs will always have a chance.

Lue shook up his starting lineup for Game 2 and Kyle Korver contributed 12 points, all on 3s, made several hustling plays and took two charges.

Oladipo scored 22—he was in early foul trouble—and Myles Turner 18 for the Pacers, who shocked the Cavs with an overpowering win in Game 1 and head home full of confidence.

Indiana clawed back from an 18-point deficit and was within 95-92 when Oladipo, who scored 32 in the opener,

somehow came free off a screen but missed maybe his easiest shot in two games.

"We blew a coverage and we were lucky and I'd rather be on time, on target than to be lucky," James said. "But he missed it and I was able to get the rebound."

James then made three free throws over the final 22 seconds as the Cavs avoided falling behind 2-0 on the series.

## Jazz 102, Thunder 95

In Oklahoma City, it wasn't even clear until an hour before the game if Utah rookie Donovan Mitchell was going to play in Game 2 against Oklahoma City.

The Thunder probably wish he hadn't.

Mitchell, who played with a bruised left foot, scored 13 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter to help the Jazz defeat Oklahoma City and tie their Western Conference playoff series at one win apiece.

"I think if he was feeling something, he didn't show it and he played through it," Jazz coach Quin Snyder said.

Derrick Favors had career playoff bests of 20 points and 16 rebounds for the Jazz, and Ricky Rubio had 22 points, nine assists and seven rebounds in the first playoff win of his seven-year career.

Mitchell did his damage attacking the basket. He missed all seven of his 3-pointers, but made 10 of 18 from inside

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, center, drives between Indiana Pacers' Myles Turner, left, and Thaddeus Young during the first half of Game 2 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series Wednesday, April 18, 2018, in Cleveland.

## Rockets 102, Timberwolves 82

In Houston, James Harden predicted Chris Paul would "come back and drop 30" after not playing his best in Houston's playoff opener.

Close enough.

Paul had 27 points and Gerald Green came off the bench to score a playoff career-high 21 as the Rockets used a huge second quarter to cruise to a 2-0 lead in the first-round playoff series.

Paul, a nine-time All-Star, scored 14 points and tied a season high with six turnovers in the first game. Early on, it was clear that Paul wouldn't struggle again as he had 15 points, three assists, two steals and a block by halftime.

Paul, who joined the Rockets in an offseason trade from the Clippers, finished with eight assists and three steals.

"I know he was beating himself up after Game 1, he called me and we talked a little bit and I said: 'Don't worry about it, the win's all that matters so just come back and be aggressive,'" Harden said.

Paul seemed to listen to his teammate.

"Just tried to push the tempo, tried to be aggressive ... getting into the lane and getting a couple of easy ones early helped us," Paul said.

Houston fell behind early but went on top for good with a 37-point second quarter, powered by four 3-pointers from Green, and the Wolves didn't threaten again.

The top-seeded Rockets won the opener by three behind a 44-point performance from James Harden on a night when most of the team struggled offensively.






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# Bridge Capital backs NMI Jiu-jitsu team

By JON PEREZ  
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REPORTER

Another private company came to help the CNMI Brazilian Jiu-jitsu team in their

bid to bring home medals from the 2018 Marianas Open BJJ Tournament in Guam.

Bridge Capital, LLC extended its support to the seven-member CNMI team by

providing two three-bedroom units at the Guam Greyhound/Perlas Courte in Tamuning.

"We admire that TrenchTech is representing Saipan, so we are expressing our support of

your pursuit and we wish the team good luck in the upcoming competition," said Bridge Capital chief operations officer Tucker Baldwin.

TrenchTech promoter Cuki

Alvarez, who is part of that seven-member team and will be competing as a brown belt, thanked Bridge Capital for the help. "They are giving us two rooms for the duration of our stay."

Joining Alvarez on the squad are BJJ professor Clinton Dela Cruz, the lone black belter in the group, Kier Agda (white belt), Ken Tanzawa (purple belt), and blue belters Paulo Sangalang, Giovonni Taitingfong, and Jeff Garcia.

This is the first time that the CNMI will be represented by a local BJJ gym in the tournament

that will be held this Sunday. Several independent fighters from the Commonwealth previously joined the competition.

Alvarez also thanked other local business—MARPAL, Team Crank Industries, crankeffect.com, Hertz, and an anonymous individual—for supporting their team.

Alvarez, who won the Masters 37-Up purple belt division in the 10th Copa de Marianas last year in Guam, left yesterday, while the rest of the team will be heading down south today.



## NMI

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The three-day tournament used the Molave or the Stableford scoring system that followed a stroke-play format with the player to earn the most number of points in each hole winning the contest.

Junior golfer Camacho said the experience of playing in his first off-island tournament would help him become a better player.

"The tournament is at another level that's why you need to be at your best. I did better than in the last [Northern Marianas College Foundation] golf tournament," added the Grace Christian Academy freshman, who started playing golf in November last year and is being coached by the veteran golfer Camacho.

Sebastian Camacho was at 14th place overall in the second day of the PAL Junior Interclub before barging into the Top 10 at the end of the tournament.

Lee, a two-time winner of the BMW Junior Open in Guam and represented the CNMI in the IMG Junior World Championships in California two years ago, said they were up against a lot of good players in the PAL Junior Interclub.



CNMI Junior golfers Sebastian Camacho, back, and Edward Lee do some practice tee shots during their training yesterday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Country Club's driving range.

"It was a nice experience for both of us. Especially for me since this is another learning tool that I can use to fine-tune my game. Every athlete aims

to get better next time. And, this is another learning experience for me," said the Dandan Middle School student.

Meanwhile, Jo thanked

Tony Camacho of the Department of Public Works and Sebastian's father, for joining them in their trip to the Philippines.

JON PEREZ

## MARPI

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"It's relieving. However, there's still the issue of uncertainty on the long term swim development program. The sooner we know until when the pool will remain open, the more time we will have to prepare and train our swimmers and get our venue ready, especially now that the 2021 Pacific

ic Mini Games is just around the corner," Winkfield said.

"We're eyeing a strong performance from our swimmers when they compete here in the Mini Games and we would also like to give the off-island swimmers a memorable experience in the Games," the SSC coach added.

Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation president John Hirsh hopes a long-term

lease will be finalized soon.

"The extension is good news...for the short term. We are pleased and thankful that Marianas Resort will continue to operate and maintain the pool. We're hopeful that a long-term land lease will be finalized soon, so that we can move forward with our partners to renovate and improve the existing 40-year-old pool," said Hirsh.

Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan, which also has over 100 swimmers using the pool, thanked Mariana Resort, too and looks forward to improvement in the facility once a new lease is awarded.

"I really hope that the pool will be rebuilt soon," said Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura, adding that they already have a backup plan if the pool closes.

## TANHOLDINGS

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has two playing weekends left.

Mark Joseph Roque delivered three goals in TanHoldings' close win, including the go-ahead in the 59th minute or seven minutes after Evan Mendiola tied the match. Roque's two other goals were made in the eighth and 16th minute, while Anthony John Bergancia added a pair. Mendiola also had a hat trick for MP United, tallying his two other goals in the 26th and 27th minute. Andrew Chung recorded the other goal for the losing squad.

In other results, Kanoa-1 de-

feated Matansa, 7-4.

Jim Kurt Maniago lifted Kanoa-1 to its fifth win in eight games after making three goals. Joe Emil Antonio contributed a brace, while Leland Deleon Guerrero and Andrew Sablan logged one goal each. Jose Rafael Lopez had three goals for Matansa, while Chanyang Woo chipped in one.

It was double celebration for Kanoa, as Kanoa-2 downed TanHoldings-2, 6-3.

Markus Pelisamen drilled the first three goals for Kanoa, while Tyler Omelau also had three straight to hand their team its second victory. Eros Estolas had a pair for TanHoldings-2, while Bonifacio

Tuazon, Jr. recorded one.

### BOYS U15 DIVISION Kanoa 2, Matansa 0

Kanoa also triumphed in the first boys U15 division match at the Koblerville Elementary School Field to keep the No. 1 spot in the group.

Merrick Toves and Ian Karl Maniago scored for Kanoa, which now has a 7-2-0 mark with one game to go in the double round-robin season. Kanoa will face Paire this Saturday and the former needs at least a draw to secure the championship.

### MP United 3, TanHoldings 0

MP United improved to a 6-2-

1 mark after edging TanHoldings (4-1-4).

Rintaro Miyawaki posted all three goals for MP United, which must beat Matansa this Saturday and hopes that Paire upsets Kanoa to force a play-off for the division crown.

### Paire 5, Shirley's 1

Paire notched its second win this season after easing past Shirley's.

Kaden Church towed Paire to the victory, making all of his team's five goals, while Hassan Rakib delivered the lone goal for Shirley's, which has only one win to show in nine games. Shirley's will close out its campaign this weekend against TanHoldings.

## 670 Sonics thank supporters, eye return in PH tournament

The 670 Sonics acknowledged all the companies and individuals who made their participation to the 3rd Dreamers International Basketball Tournament in the Philippines last month possible.

The 670 Sonics sent two teams in the competition held at the Batis Aramin Hotel & Resort in Lucban, Quezon and won the Sportsmanship Award aside from three individual plums. Sean-Paulo Rafols made it to the 2nd Defensive Team, while Khristian Itaas and Emmanuel Cobacho took the Most Improved Player awards in the U16 and U18 age groups, respectively.

"The level of competition in the 3rd Dreamers International Basketball Tournament was very competitive. We will better prepare our basketball teams' development skills and teamwork if we do get invited to the 4th Dreamers International Basketball Tournament. We did our best



as a team to represent and be CNMI ambassadors," head coach Omar Ajoste said.

"We, the 670 Sonics Basketball Association want to extend a huge appreciation to all of our donors," Ajoste added.

The club drew support from Armatech, Brabu Pharmacy, CHCC Providers, CHCC Hospital Staff, Fishing Tackle, Kanoa Resort, Island Brand Clothing, Latte Built, Marianas Visitors Authority, Pacific Islands Club, PSS staff and teachers, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Reps. Angel Demapan, BJ Attao, Edwin Propst, Edmund Villagomez, Francisco Aguon, Francisco Dela Cruz, Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero, Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero, and Vinson Sablan, senator Sixto Igisomar, vice speaker Janet Maratita, WE>1 Clothing, World Resort Saipan, and 670 Sonics alumni, players' families and friends, co-workers, and board and officers. (Saipan Tribune)

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loss after winning its debut against the Genesis All-Stars.

The 670 Sonics are still perfect at 5-0 to join idle Ol'Aces on top of the team standings.

The Lady Ol'Aces also hold an immaculate 5-0 mark for the solo lead in the four-team field following the 22-point win over Fiesta Resort.

Ahead by only 3 early in the third period, 26-23, the Lady Ol'Aces had a 9-0 scoring run in a span of three minutes and change to take a double-digit lead, 35-23. The Lady Ol'Aces went on to keep their safe distance against the erratic Fiesta Resort to remain undefeated this season.

Lia Rangamar paced the Lady Ol'Aces with her 15 points, while fellow CNMI Women's National Team member Taz Deleon Guerrero

added 8.

### First Game

**670 Sonics 117**— M. Duenas 24, E. Duenas 16, B. De Guzman 13, Ordon 13, Fidelino 10, Tengco 9, Abobo 7, R. De Guzman 7, Cadiang 6, Ngeskebei 5, Javier 3.

**Casino 65** — Marinas 20, Yodico 10, Sebastian 8, Sanguyo 7, Abonita 6, Atencio 6, Bak 4, Ibag 4, Pastolero 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-11, 54-28, 87-44, 117-65.

### Second Game

**Lady Ol'Aces 54** — L. Rangamar 15, Deleon Guerrero 8, C. Camacho 8, Borja 5, Kenty 5, B. Camacho 4, K. Rangamar 2, Rasiang 2.

**Fiesta Resort 32** — Pag-arao 12, Camacho 5, Alegre 4, Pablo 4, Flores 3, Kautz 2, Tuazon 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 10-6, 23-14, 37-25, 54-32.



# CNMI women's cage team has right pieces

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Veteran basketball coach Elias Rangamar believes the recently named women's national squad has all the qualities he's been looking for in a team that could go up against the regions' best, especially versus powerhouse Guam, in the 9th Micronesian Games.

Rangamar said that Guam remains the team to beat, but he does not discount the other squads since the Micro Games is another level of play.

"The Marshall Islands, Palau, and Pohnpei are perennial teams that we have to also

watch out for. Though not as physical as the Pacific Games, it's [the Micro Games] still a more competitive and physical game than what we're accustomed to at the local level. Fortunately, we have experienced players that are tournament tested," the Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation official said.

Among the 12 players Rangamar selected for the team, five played for the squad that competed in the Micro Games in Pohnpei four years ago.

Aside from having veterans on his crew, Rangamar said that this women's team could be the tallest the CNMI



JON PEREZ  
The Lady Ol'Aces' Lia Rangamar, third left, is surrounded by Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan defenders during their game in the MIBF island-wide caging last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Rangamar made it to the CNMI Women's National Team that will compete in the 9th Micronesian Games in Yap this July.

## Lady Ol'Aces, 670 Sonics hammer opponents

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The Lady Ol'Aces and 670 Sonics coasted past their respective foes in the the 2018 MIBF Island-wide Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the curtain-raiser, the 670 Sonics pounded Casino, 11-7-65, while in the second match, the Lady Ol'Aces dominated Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, 54-32.

The 670 Sonics established an early double-digit lead in the first half behind the guns of Matt Duenas and kept going in the second, as their other players stepped

in. Duenas dropped 17 of his 24 points in the first half, which ended with the 670 Sonics on top, 54-28.

Matt's cousin, Ernest, Bryan De Guzman, Rafael Ordone, and Jun Fidelino then made their contributions in the second half to widen the gap further. All four finished in twin digits, while four other 670 Sonics players chipped in at least 6 points each in the team's impressive display of offensive firepower.

Sonny Marinas led Casino with his 20 markers and clearly lacked support from his teammates, as their squad absorbed its third straight

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JON PEREZ

The Lady Ol'Aces' Connie Camacho, right, stops and pops for a jumper in front of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Irish Pagarao, center, and Chanel Espinosa during the third quarter of their game in the MIBF island-wide caging last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

would be sending to the Micro Games, with four players standing at least 5'8". However, he was quick to point out that height alone does not guarantee a win for the squad.

"You have to have athleticism, toughness, basketball skills, and experience. And I think that this squad is probably closer to having all these qualities than the previous team," Rangamar said.

He and his assistant coaches—Preston Basa, John Santos,

and Connie Camacho—made their deliberation and selection last Sunday with Rangamar choosing the off-island players.

Rachel Abrams, Jamie Mendoza, Ira Palero, Jan Travilla, and Glorily Williams are currently studying in the U.S. and they are expected to join the seven players based here once they are done with their classes this semester.

Abrams, Mendoza, and Palero played for the CNMI national

women's team in 2014 together with Irish Pagarao and Lia Rangamar, while sisters Annalei and Eilena Santos, Casandra Camacho, Tazha Deleon Guerero, and Alliyah Fernandez join Travilla and Williams on the first-timers list in the quadrennial meet.

Connie Camacho, who has donned the CNMI national colors a number of times and was enshrined to the CNMI Sports Hall of Fame this year,

according to Rangamar, was a bit disappointed for missing what could be her final Micro Games. However, Rangamar said they are still counting on Camacho's help.

"I just thought that we'd give some of the up-and-coming talents some experience. Connie is a great competitor and she is still probably a better shooter than any of the girls we have. Her experience will certainly help us from the sidelines," he added.

## Atalig, Dela Cruz lead Chamber golf winners

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The veteran pair of J.J. Atalig and Joey Dela Cruz led the winners in last Saturday's Saipan Chamber of Commerce two-person scramble golf tournament held on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Atalig and Dela Cruz were tied with Tony Satur and Peter "Dung" Tenorio for first place, as both pairs had similar scores of 64s, but the former ruled the weekend tournament after birdying No. 10. Atalig and Dela Cruz won \$800 in the low gross category, while Satur and Tenorio settled for the \$500 runners-up prize. Meae Jeon and Se Youn Jeon came in at third to bring home \$300.

Paul Bea and Emil Pederal, meanwhile, topped the double-peoria contest, while James Benavente and Michael Sablan settled for second place. Chang Hee Yoo and Cai Yu Nai finished third. The Top 3 received \$800, \$500, and \$300 cash.

In other results, CNMI Attorney General Edward Manibusan almost became \$5,000

richer after he nearly sank a hole-in-one after his shot landed just five inches away from the No. 13 hole. He settled for the closest to the pin prize of \$125. McDonald's was the sponsor at No. 13.

Manny Mangarero was the other closest to the pin winner at No. 3 with a distance of six feet and eight inches, while Freddie Salavaria made the accurate drive at No. 9 at five feet and 11 inches from

the line.

Tenorio added the longest drive prize to his runner-up purse when he got his ball at 293.3 yards away from the tee. The closest to the pin, accurate drive, and longest drive win-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

CNMI Attorney General Edward Manibusan, center, shows the closest to the pin prize (hole No. 13) he won during the awards ceremony for the 2018 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. Joining him in the photo are SCC members and tournament organizers.





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## Surprising finish for NMI jr. golfers



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Edward Lee watches his shot during the 21st Philippine Airlines Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines Junior Interclub Championship held at the Pradera Verde Golf & Country Club in Lubao, Pampanga last weekend.

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Surprising was the first word that came out from coach Joe “Kamikaze” Camacho when asked to describe how did CNMI junior golfers Edward Lee and Sebastian Camacho fare in a recent tournament in the Philippines.



Lee and Sebastian Camacho saw action in last week’s 21st Philippine Airlines Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines Junior Interclub Championship held at the Pradera Verde Golf & Country Club in Lubao, Pampanga province in the Philippines.

The 14-year-old Lee finished tied for first place in the 13-14 division, before losing the title to Philippine-based

Korean and last year’s runner-up Tae Soo Kim in the fifth playoff hole. Sebastian Camacho placed in the Top 10 in the same age group.

“They performed better than what we expected. They only had one day of practice to get familiar with the course and yet they still came out and played well, given that most of the competitors have been familiar with the course,” Joe told *Saipan Tribune*.

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## Marpi pool safe for now; officials relieved

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Local swimming officials are relieved to know that they could still use the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool despite the expiration of the 40-year lease of the facilities in Marpi at the end of this month.

Kan Pacific Saipan, Ltd operates the only Olympic-size pool in the CNMI along with the Mariana Resort & Spa and the Marianas Country Club and no new lease has been awarded by the Department of Public Lands, although a notice of intent to award was issued on July 15, 2016 to Imperial Pacific International—the sole proposer for RFP15-RED006 (request for proposal for long-term lease of the mentioned facilities).

“A new lease has not been awarded at this time, however, DPL at the moment is preparing to announce an RFP by close of next week for a hotel golf resort operating agreement (not a lease) to operate and manage, as well as maintain the entire facility. The operating agreement will have a term of one year, which can be extended for additional one



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Swimmers can still train and compete at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool, as the Department of Public Lands will ensure that operations and maintenance of the facilities in the Marpi area do not cease while negotiating a new lease.

year periods. DPL expects the RFP process to be completed in approximately 90 days. Kan Pacific Saipan, Ltd. may participate in the RFP for the hotel golf resort operating Agreement,” DPL Real Estate Division director Rachel M. Roque told *Saipan Tribune* in response to inquiries about the expiration of the lease.

“DPL will ensure that oper-

ations and maintenance do not cease while negotiating a lease or conducting any processes to secure a most beneficial lease,” she added.

Saipan Swim Club coach Jacoby Winkfield, who has over 100 swimmers training regularly at the 50-meter pool welcomed the good news.

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## TanHoldings-1, Kanoa keep top view

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TanHoldings Football Club-1 and Kanoa FC tightened their grip on the top spot in their respective divisions after getting another win in the 2018 NMIFA Spring Youth League last Saturday.

TanHoldings-1 nipped MP United, 5-4, in the co-ed U13 division match at the Hopwood Middle School Field to improve to a 7-0-1 record—two victories ahead of its victim, which fell to a 5-1-2 card. Kanoa-1 (5-1-2),

Matansa (4-0-4), Kanoa-2 (2-0-6), and TanHoldings-2 (0-

0-8) complete the team standings in the division, which

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
A TanHoldings FC player, right, tries to break away from an MP United defender during their boys U15 division game in the NMIFA Spring Youth League last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.